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KIWI BOGY CAN BE LAID TO REST

I think the time has come to end the "New Zealand psychosis" now troubling Australian soccer.

Because of our own domestic problems and errors, in recent weeks we tended to make the modest Kiwi molehill into a Brazilian mountain.

New Zealand has its problems, too — many of them.

Two of their internationals, Sumner and Dods are injured and in doubt for the World Cup match in Auckland.

Manager John Ad-
sheed will have the six or

seven PSL-based Kiwis back for only some nine days before the match — surely far from a happy position.

Last Saturday I watched two of the ace Kiwi strikers, Brian Turner and Clive Campbell in action.

I wouldn't like to offend this likeable pair or their splendid club — but they played pretty poorly.

In no way can they be equated with the in-form Socceroo strikers Sharne, Giampaolo and others.

The best Kiwi on view

last Saturday was stopper Bill De Graaf — who was omitted from the New Zealand World Cup squad.

And thank heavens, for that — he is better than any of the current Australian central defenders which makes you wonder what the man in possession of his

birth is like?

But really — New Zealand shouldn't be depicted any longer as future world champions, frightening hell out of our players.

• Turn to page 4 for Kiwi star Brian Turner's views on the forthcoming Anzac clash.

GIANTS JOIN SQUAD

Adelaide City Giants defender Bobby Russell and West Adelaide Hawks goalkeeper Martyn Crook will be recommended for inclusion in the senior Socceroo squad.

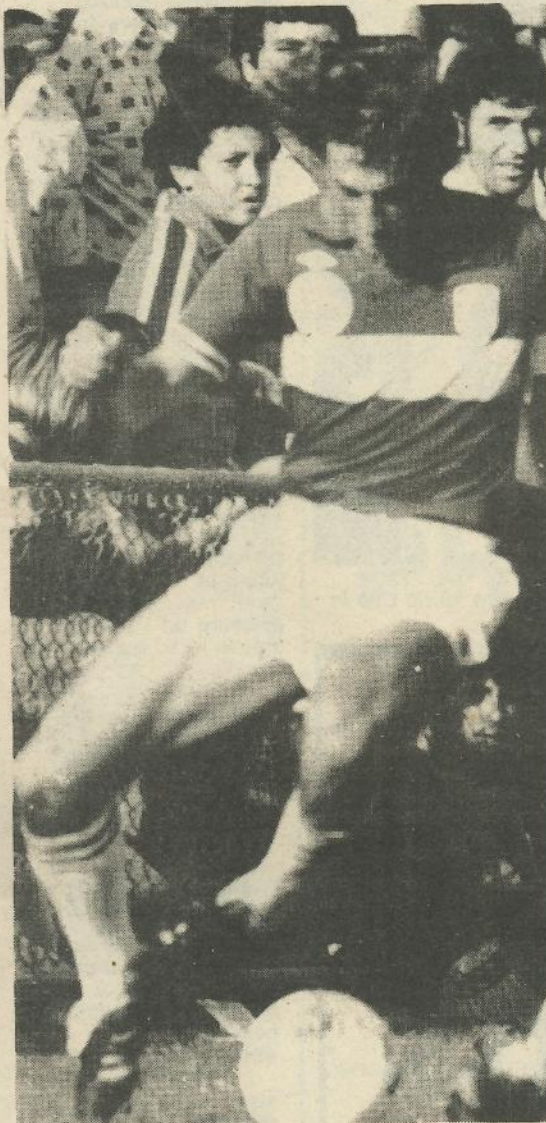
Assistant national team coach Les Scheinflug said this on Sunday after watching the two Philips Cup games at Hindmarsh Stadium.

But, while Scheinflug said he would submit good reports on Russell and Crook to Socceroo boss Rudi Gutendorf, he was strongly critical of Youth squad players Charlie Villani and David Mitchell of the Giants.

"I know they scored three goals between them today, but their work-rate was nothing like that expected of players in the national squad," Scheinflug said.

"Players who want to play for Australia must give one hundred per cent everytime they play, even if they are only taking part in a training game.

"When I see half-hearted efforts like I saw today, I worry about what will happen in October when our team will be pitted against the world's best sides."



Peter Sharne, on whose explosive skill so much will depend in Auckland.

STATE DUEL



One of the weekend's keenest tussles was in the State League match between Croatia and Avala. For all details, see inside.



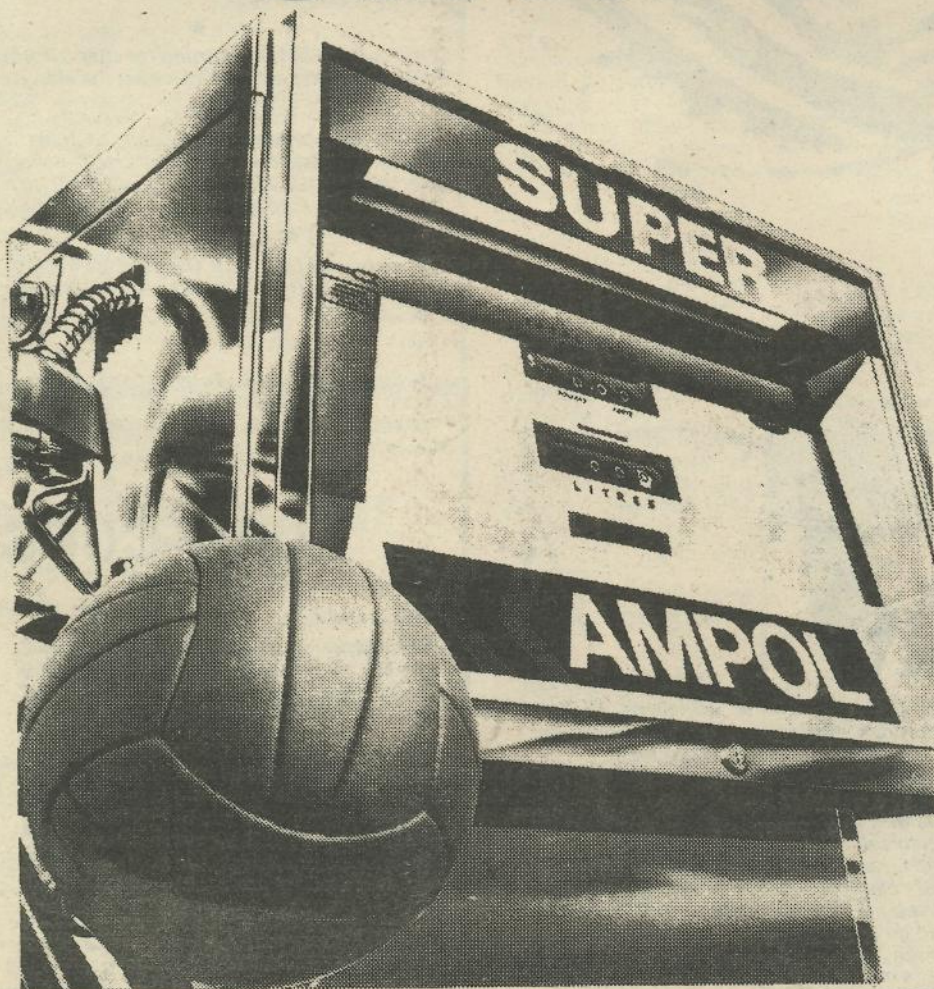
Martyn Crook

Scheinflug said Russell and Crook had enhanced their prospects of gaining berths in the squad to meet NZ in Australia's first World Cup elimination tie to be played in Auckland on Anzac Day.

"Their opposition in both games was below that of Philips League standard, however, so I will be back to see them again soon," he said.

— A. Crisp

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Menotti ready for Cup



Argentina's captain Passarella with World Cup in 1978.

Argentina's manager Luis Cesar Menotti says his squad is "more or less" ready for next year's World Cup in Spain.

"I have struck with my team policy which brought us the world title in 1978," he said last week.

"At the same time, I have absolute confidence in the players who won us the title."

However, Menotti admitted that he would be happier if Bertoni, Ferrero and Ardiles also returned home, as Kempes did this month.

"It's very hard for me to count on them unless they play here and I can see them often," he said.

The nucleus of Argentina's team is based on the tried stars: Fillol, Olguin, Galvan, Villaverde, Passarella, Tarantini, Gallego, Barbas, Diego Maradona, Ortiz and, if fit, Luque as well as the just repatriated Kempes.

"We are a bit poor in depth," Menotti said.

"I would like to have good players standing behind all the main candidates, as possible replacements."

"Two positions worry me most: those of Passarella and Gallego."

"Passarella could be perhaps replaced, if injured, by Van Tuyne but there is nobody to measure up to Gallego, unless it's the young Fren."

Menotti said he had suitable depth in other positions. In goal Fillol was still the No. 1 but there were also Baley and Pumpido, if needed.

If Maradona got hurt, there were Ramon Diaz or Valencia who could fill his place.

"We still have a bit of time to sort out these problems and build up a squad of about 22 players," he said.

"If Ardiles and Bertoni came home now, I'd have less problems."

"We want to go to Spain in 1982 not just with a strong team but with a powerful squad."

"We have learned that it's impossible to go through a World Cup with the same team and the secret of success is to make changes without seriously dislocating the team."

KEEGAN WANTED



Forest after Birtles

It was only four months ago that Nottingham's assistant manager made his now famous pronouncement over Gary Birtles: "He can't play."

Subsequently and for a sum of \$2,400,000, Birtles was sold to Manchester United.

Now Nottingham wants him back...

Brian Clough and Taylor admit that he would be a better partner for Trevor Francis than either Peter Ward or Ian Wallace.

But Manchester United manager Dave Sexton isn't selling.

"I have great faith in the youngster, even though he hasn't scored a goal for United yet," he said.

"He is a player of international class."

Birtles himself has never forgiven Taylor for his brusque verdict and isn't too keen to return to Forest.

He has bought himself a house near Manchester and enjoys his stay there.

"It's no use denying, we made a mistake there," admits Clough.

"I don't think either Wallace or Ward will make it with us."

Which, in turn, could make two more players unhappy without getting Birtles back...

"It was a big mistake to sell Kevin Keegan," says Hamburg's veteran star Franz Beckenbauer.

"With him, we'd be Europe's best team."

"We should make every effort to get him back from Southampton."

But this won't be easy. First of all, Southampton isn't keen to sell.

Secondly, Keegan is happy where he is now — and already plans his next stop — the USA.

"I enjoyed my stay in Hamburg but I don't think I'd want to go back," he said.

"Although, in soccer you never know. Hamburg hasn't made me any offers yet."

BRIEFLY...

• In an Asian sub-group World Cup match, Saudi Arabia beat Iraq 2-1.

• Former FIFA and Bayern Munchen coach Dettmar Cramer has quit Saudi Arabia, after three years — and a net earning of \$700,000, returning home to Germany.

• Juventus star Roberto Bettiga: "What we need is a central striker like the German Hrubesch."

• Atletico Madrid have signed Mexican international Luis Mendizabal from Cruz Azul.

• Fort Lauderdale have offered a new contract to Gerd Mueller whose terms run out in September 1981.

• Whose prayers were answered? Recently in Vatican City the famed Swiss Guards defeated Rome's Police team 5-3.

• River Plate — with debts totalling \$2 million — have paid a further \$3,500,000 for Valencia's Argentinian star Mario Kempes, to make the debt now \$5.5 m.

• The whole team of Italian fourth division club Terranova, from Sicily, went on strike — to get their two months' back pay.

• Dieter Mueller, FC Koln's German international striker, has asked for a transfer. The club has agreed — but wouldn't accept a pfennig less than a cool \$800,000.

• Last week Sheffield Wednesday's players were taken by manager Jackie Charlton for a special training — three days at the Commando Training Camp of Exeter.

• Ipswich will win the English title — so says their sturdy midfielder Kevin Beatty. "In my 10 years here, I've never seen the club spirit at this height."

• Former Nottingham Forest central defender Larry Lloyd is now managing fourth division club Wigan — more noted as a rugby league stronghold.

• Last week, Liverpool played their 110th match in the various Euro Cups.

• Coach of Dinamo Tbilisi, Nodar Akhalkatal: "West Ham underestimated us. Everybody does, even here in the USSR."

• Trevor Francis, darling of the Nottingham Forest fans, has a new nickname: the electric eel.

• Former Liverpool ace Ian St. John, in admiration of Graeme Souness: "He'll never score three more goals like that if he plays till he's 100," after the Euro-Cup game against CSZKA Sofia.

• Hamburg beat FAR Casablanca 5-1 in a friendly in the North African city — with Milewski getting a hat-trick.

• The Italian AC Torino have sacked their coach, Ercole Rabitti and had him replaced by Romano Cazzanina, 38, a former Torino player himself.

EURO-CUPS

Champions' Cup	1st	2nd	aggr
Bayern Munchen v Banik Ostrava	2-0	4-2	6-2
Inter Milan v Red Star	1-1	1-0	2-1
Spartak Moscow v Real Madrid	0-0	0-2	0-2
Liverpool v CSZKA Sofia	5-1	1-0	6-1

Cupwinners' Cup	1st	2nd	aggr
Dusseldorf v Benfica	2-2	0-1	2-3
West Ham v Tbilisi Dinamo	1-4	1-0	2-4
Slavia Sofia v Feyenoord	3-2	0-4	3-6
Carl Zeiss Jena v Newport	2-2	1-0	3-2

UEFA Cup	1st	2nd	aggr
Standard Liege v FC Koln	0-0	2-3	2-3
St. Etienne v Ipswich	1-4	1-3	2-7
AZ Alkmaar v Lokeren	2-0	0-1	2-1
Grasshoppers v Sochaux	0-0	1-2	1-2

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SHARP ARROWS FOR MARCONI

Having got through a potpourri week, with League and Cup matches telescoped into a scrambled 10 days, the PSL returns to normal.

Sydney will have three matches on the weekend, with Marconi's home clash against Canberra the top attraction.

Marconi, despite their narrow win last Sunday, are far from their best form.

Now that they have Picioane and Housseini, it will take some time to slot them into the team, probably alongside Gary Byrne in the midfield.

Canberra are going extremely well with Walter Valeri razor sharp in front of the goal.

Their midfield dynamo Cole and newcomer Massa could well grab hold of the match.

Marconi would have to return to something like their best form to keep the points.

Our tip: 1-1.

BLACKTOWN SOUTH MELBOURNE

The PSL table leaders won't have an easy afternoon at the Gabbie Stadium.

Blacktown must be still smarting under their heavy Cup loss of last Sunday and Rale Rasic hopes to have his ace defender Djordjevic back for this clash.

South Melbourne are oozing confidence and the ball runs kindly for them.

They are rich in talent, their spirit is high — and they look set for another win.

Our tip— South Melbourne 2-1.

OLYMPIC SYDNEY CITY

Having collected three points out of a possible 12, Olympic must be getting slightly worried about their survival prospects.

This match is unlikely to ease their worries: they are coming up against a Sydney City which has exploded into top form.

Double hat-trick hero Boden is certain to get a lot of attention — the way he's playing he might be selected for England, if he remains ineligible for Australia...

Olympic's defence conceded a heck of a lot of goals and could be found wanting again by the smooth Slickers strikers.

Our tip: Sydney City 3-1.

WEST ADELAIDE LEICHHARDT

It seems that West Adelaide are crawling out of the doldrums; their Cup win further underlined their improvement.

Leichhardt are gradually finding their top side and the new-look attack with Giam-paolo, O'Connor and young Soper could develop into a lethal weapon.

This will be Giam-paolo's first away trip with Leichhardt and the Adelaide fans will be curious to see whether this gifted young fellow is really worthy of a Socceroo berth.

Leichhardt's weakness is in midfield: if coach Willie Wallace can rectify that, he'll be on his way to producing a truly fine team.

Our tip: 2-2.

NEWCASTLE WOLLONGONG

The "Steel Cities" Derby should produce a bumper crowd in Newcastle.

Both teams play a very masculine, if not rugged type of soccer, not surprising in view of the heavy sprinkling of Brits in the teams.

Having seen both in action in the past fortnight, I can't detect a great deal of difference between the sides.

Possibly Wollongong are slightly more creative — thanks to ex-Novocastrian Peter Tredinnick who is in brilliant form.

One tiny goal could be the difference between the teams at the end.

Our tip: Wollongong 1-0.

BRISBANE LIONS PRESTON

Having won their last three matches, Preston will travel north with plenty of confidence.

The Lions have yet to win a match this season and surely they will not try to play for yet another draw.

In Millman & Co. they have the strikers to strike — while their rearguard is exceptionally well organised and strong.

Preston have the more talented attack but they won't have an easy job piercing the Lions' trenches.

Our tip: Lions 2-1.

FOOTSCRAY ADELAIDE CITY

Nothing but gloom radiates from the Footscray camp: their team is



Olympic defender Billy Palmer.

firmly planted at the bottom of the table and, even at this early stage, looks a definite relegation prospect.

Adelaide City, despite injury and recent suspension problems, are slowly coming good though they are miles from their best form.

Footscray can and will win matches — whenever they can play without too much pressure.

However, they have quite a few problems with key players and, probably, also with the team spirit at the moment.

Adelaide City can win if they produce something close to their potential.

Our tip: Adelaide City 2-1.

HEIDELBERG BRISBANE CITY

The trauma associated with the departure of coach Poulakakis and veteran defender Pat Bannon may start to wear off now for Heidelberg.

But they still have problems: the absence

of Tansey and Paton and the indifferent form of Campbell and Cole has reduced them to a very pedestrian level.

Brisbane City are a compact, combative outfit, adept at playing a counter-punching type of game where speedsters like Palinkas and Paul Wilkinson excel.

If Heidelberg bounced back to form suddenly, they'd start hot favorites

Newcastle midfielder Joe Senkalski.

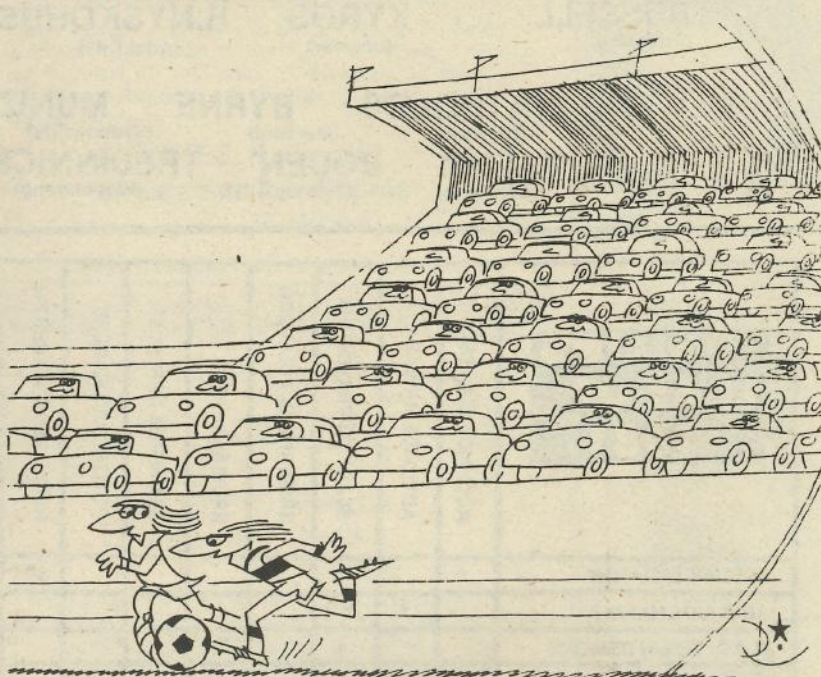


for the points but the likelihood of this is rather remote.

Our tip: 1-1.

CONGRATULATIONS TO —

- John Perin (Adelaide City)
 - Joe Palinkas (Brisbane City)
 - Joe Watson (Sydney City)
 - Murray Barnes (Sydney City)
- on having played their 100th Philips League match last weekend.



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TEAM OF ROUND

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RUSSELL
(Adel. City)

KYROS
(Downer)

B. NYSKOHUS
(Adel. City)

BYRNE
(Canberra)

KATHOLOS
(Olympic)

BYRNE
(Marconi)

MUNIZ
(Sydney City)

VALERI
(Canberra)

BODEN
(Sydney City)

TREDINNICK
(Wollongong)

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

• Gestures in soccer are not yet dead: last Saturday Downer Olympic arrived at Corrimal for their Philips Cup match with a plaque to commemorate the occasion and a large bouquet of flowers.

for being sent off and one for having also gathered in 13 penalty points.

• Blacktown last week signed from Newcastle central striker Paul Burrows.

• Alan Vest, Newcastle: "We were terrible and got what we deserved. It was just as well Canberra was not a good team otherwise they would have thrashed us."

• Canberra's George Murray: "We stuck to our task and scored the equaliser at an opportune time. We had a shaky last 10 minutes but pulled through."

• An interesting comment by Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson to Demons coach Rale Rasic referred to the days when he and Willie Young (now of Arsenal) were Aberdeen's central defensive pairing. Though Aberdeen were winning matches the club directorate decided that the team's well drilled offside play had caused home crowds to drop from 17,000 to 12,000 with the result that instructions were issued to change the team's playing pattern — and the crowds improved...

decision and sacked him the following day, told Pat Bannon to retire also Tuesday, asked Poulakakis to help out until they got a replacement, and then asked Rooney to take the job after unsuccessful attempts to talk to Les Scheinflug.

Rooney added his contribution to the saga by asking the committee to bring Bannon back, and also stating that he would never have sold Jim Williams (transferred to Green Gully only a week ago) if he had been in charge.

In the end he agreed to help out for two matches — Sunday's and today's (Wed) Philips Cup tie against Presto.

If they want him to continue after that "a number of things have to be sorted out."

HAWKS GET WRIGHT MAN

West Adelaide Hawks new Scottish import, Jimmy Wright from St. Johnstone is expected to arrive in Adelaide this week.

Westad had to beat off a late challenge by English first division club Leicester City whose scouts took an interest in the striker after he had agreed to come to Australia.

Manager-coach Billy Birch said that the press clippings sent by 23-year-old Wright were "nothing short of rave notices."

"Wright cost us less than his air tickets and by the end of the season he could be worth the same or more than John Kosmina when we sold him to Sydney City for \$28,000," Birch said.

Apart from Wright, Westad are also seeking Colin Gregson from Sheffield Wednesday and Neville Flounders from Sunderland, as well as Mark Trenter from Sydney Slickers.

Meanwhile, Adelaide Giants coach Bob D'Ottavi has failed in his bid to entice former Italian ace Roberto Boninsegna to the club.

ROONEY ON CONDITIONS

The Heidelberg crisis, despite Jimmy Rooney's appointment as player-coach, is far from over.

Rooney took over on Friday after a week of upheaval in which the club backed Manny Poulakakis on the Monday, reversed its

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WE'LL LOSE BUT MAKE SPAIN — TURNER

Brian Turner is perhaps the best known New Zealand star in Australia. He is playing with Wollongong now — but on April 25, he will line up against the Socceroos in Auckland. We talked to him last weekend.

— How do you see the standard of the Philips League compared to the New Zealand Rothmans League?

— The PSL is of a higher standard than the New Zealand national league. Over there you can sort out which will be the hard and easy games. Here there is no such thing. A week ago we played Blacktown, that was supposed to be a cakewalk — and they could have quite conceivably beaten us. Man for man, the Australian standard is far higher.

— In view of that, how do you compare the present strength of the two respective national teams?

— Well, a lot of people here have a very high opinion of the Socceroos and we always seem to be the poor relations. But we have a very good national team at the moment while Australia appears to have a lot of internal problems. We're quietly confident. I don't agree with John Adshead, our coach that we'll beat Australia 3-0. It will be a very close game, with perhaps only one goal in it but we're not afraid of playing Australia...

— You're in the New Zealand squad and so are Clive Campbell and Bill De Graaf?

— No, Billy is not. He wasn't picked for the squad which is a shame really because he is



Brian Turner

probably playing better than Clive and I at the moment. I'm sure if the squad was picked now, he'd be in it.

— When do you go back to New Zealand?

— We go back on April 16 and we'll be in camp until the game on April 25. After we play Australia, we go across to Fiji, Indonesia, Taiwan, Australia. We'll be away from Wollongong for four weeks. It wouldn't matter much to them the way I'm playing now...

— Did you play in that 1-0 match in the mud in 1979?

— Yes I did. I could quite strongly criticise Gutendorf for some of the comments he had made. The pitch was never as bad as what he said it was, we just adapted better to the conditions than Australia did.

— Have you got the same problems in New Zealand with the last minute naturalisation of

players for the World Cup?

— We have one player in the squad who hasn't been naturalised, a Scottish lad Alan Boath. Luckily, we don't have the problem on the Australian scale.

— What do you think of this present confusing situation in Australia with non-naturalised players?

— It doesn't go too well for the administration of the game. These should be clarified months before the squad is named. It's quite important when you take out guys of the class people are talking about now, like Boden and Yzendoorn.

— What result do you expect in Auckland?

— I expect we'll beat Australia. I really and truly do. I saw in the Herald Gutendorf talking about the difference between the two sides and he mentions some results which are quite foreign to me. He says we lost in England to a first division side 8-1. Well, we lost 1-0 to Ipswich and 5-1 to Norwich. Then we lost to England B 4-0, at Orient. But that England team was far superior to the one Australia played in 1980. I don't know where Gutendorf heard that 8-1 result.

— What sort of a reception can Australia expect in Auckland on April 25?

— The atmosphere will be pretty fierce. The fans will get 100 percent behind us. I am not going to predict that we will qualify for Spain because, deep down, I think Australia is a better team

away from home than we are. My only concern is that we might drop some silly points in Indonesia or in Taiwan. But I've got no fears about playing Australia here or in New Zealand.

— a.d.

N.Z. SQUAD

The final New Zealand World Cup squad:

Goalkeepers: Richie Wilson (Canberra Arrows), Frank Van Hattum (Manurewa).

Defenders: Ricky Herbert (Mt. Wellington), Bobby Almond (Christchurch United), John Hill (Gisborne City), Sam Malcolmson (Manurewa), Glenn Dods (Adelaide Giants), Glenn Adam (Mt. Wellington), Dave Bright (Manurewa), Alan Boath (Woolston WMC).

Midfielders: Steve Sumner (Newcastle KB United, capt.), Duncan Cole (Canberra Arrows), Keith McKey (Gisborne City), Grant Turner (Gisborne City), John Leigh (Mt. Wellington).

Strikers: Steve Woodin (Dunedin City), Brian Turner (Wollongong Wolves), Clive Campbell (Wollongong Wolves).

TOP PSL SCORERS

4: Boden (Sydney City)
3: Christopoulos (S. Melb.)
Paton (Heidelberg)
O'Connor (Leichhardt)
Ollerton (Preston)

• Earlier, the guests were having trouble finding the ground: their coach was meandering through the streets of Fairy Meadow until a good Samaritan saw them and guided them to their destination. He was Laurie Kelly, chairman of the Wolves and Speaker in the NSW Parliament...

• Wollongong defender Peter Willis may be ready to resume within a week or two. Tony Dickinson is out for about three months with a broken ankle. John Lathan, who has a mild inflammation of the tendon, will be OK for the Newcastle match.

• Downer Olympic player-coach Brendan Grosse, now a practising Canberra solicitor on Wollongong's Kiwi strikers Turner and Campbell: "I don't think Australia will have too much of a problem if that's the way they will play. If Australia can't sort them out, there's something wrong with our team."

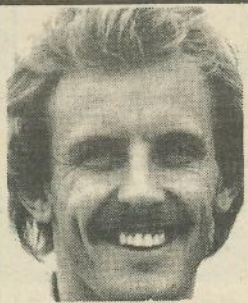
• Peter Brogan, the young Marconi defender suffered second degree burns last week in a freak accident. He wanted to treat an injured foot with a deep-ray lamp but, instead, put a sunlamp on it, then went to sleep.

• Ivo Prskalo will miss Sunday's Marconi match against Canberra, having collected another yellow card which takes him past the 12 points. Paul Degney will now return to left fullback to take over.

• Ricky Hormazabal of Blacktown may miss two weeks of PSL: one



WEEKEND GUIDE TO PHILIPS LEAGUE



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MARCONI LEOPARDS

Likely squad: 1. Maher, 2. Brogan, 4. Henderson, 5. Prskalo, 6. Byrne, 9. Krncevic, 10. Mariani, 11. Sharne, 12. Picioane, 13. Muir, 14. Housseini, 16. Tomasich, 17. Coluso, 20. Corry. Coach: R. Blanco.

Sunday, 3pm
Marconi Stadium

Next week: Marconi at home at West Adelaide

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Marconi v Canberra 0-0
1978: Marconi v Canberra 2-0
1979: Marconi v Canberra 1-1
1980: Marconi v Canberra 3-2

CANBERRA ARROWS

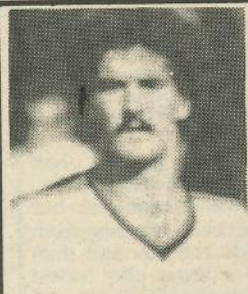
Likely squad: 1. Wilson, 2. M. O'Shea, 3. Williams, 4. Cole, 5. J. O'Shea, 6. Stark, 7. R. O'Shea, 8. Byrne, 9. Valeri, 10. McLaren, 11. Brennan, 14. Massa, 15. Moutsopoulos, 16. Farrell, 21. Hoszowski. Coach: G. Murray.

REFEREE: K. Small
Linesmen: T. Williams
P. Wood

Next week: Canberra at home to Olympic



Brennan



Mason

NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS

Likely squad: 1. Dando, 2. Reaney, 4. Senkalski, 5. Bertogna, 6. Drinkwater, 7. Sumner, 8. Mountford, 9. Jones, 10. Heys, 11. Buckley, 12. Mason, 13. Burrows, 14. Sneddon, 15. Curran, 16. Kamasz, 17. McClelland, 20. Gosling. Coach: A. Vest.

Sunday, 2.30pm
International Sports Centre

Next week: Newcastle away to Sth. Melbourne

PAST RESULTS:

Newcastle and Wollongong meeting for the first time.

WOLLONGONG WOLVES

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vliestra, 13. McBreen, 14. Turner, 15. De Graaf, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison, 18. Morton, 19. Fontana. Coach: K. Morton.

REFEREE: D. Rennie
Linesmen: J. Judd
R. Warren

Next week: Wollongong at home to Leichhardt



Dunleavy



Laing

SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

Likely squad: 1. Meier, 2. Moulis, 3. Cross, 4. Wilson, 5. Rowden, 6. Katholos, 7. Housseini, 8. Cork, 9. Gavin, 10. Scott, 11. Jennings, 12. Ankudinoff, 14. Koussas, 15. Ziras, 16. Jamieson, 18. Laing, 20. Wilson. Coach: T. Docherty.

Sunday, 3pm
Pratten Park

Next week: Olympic away to Canberra

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Olympic v Sydney City 2-2
1978: Olympic v Sydney City 0-2
1979: Olympic v Sydney City 0-1

SYDNEY SLICKERS

Likely squad: 1. Clarke, 3. Spanos, 4. O'Connor, 5. Bruce, 6. Murray, 7. Watson, 8. Barnes, 9. Boden, 10. Kosmina, 12. Cant, 15. Muniz, 18. Souness, 19. Trenter, 20. Pezzano. Coach: E. Thomson.

REFEREE: J. Reeves
Linesmen: R. Barton
A. Morrison

Next week: Sydney City at home to Heidelberg



Murray



Cole

HEIDELBERG WARRIORS

Likely squad: 1. Olver, 2. McMillan, 3. Tansey, 4. Yzendorn, 6. Selemidis, 7. Rooney, 8. Campbell, 9. Paton, 11. Bozikas, 12. Yankos, 13. McGrory, 14. Provan, 15. Taylor, 16. Cole, 17. Williams, 18. Monagle, 20. Reilly. Coach: J. Rooney.

Sunday, 3pm
Olympic Park

Next week: Heidelberg away to Sydney City

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Heidelberg v Brisbane City 3-2
1978: Heidelberg v Brisbane City 1-0
1979: Heidelberg v Brisbane City 0-0
1980: Heidelberg v Brisbane City 3-1

BRISBANE GLADIATORS

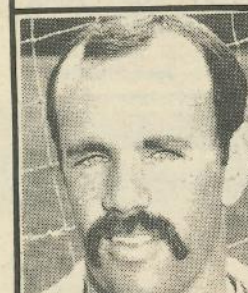
Likely squad: 1. Wishart, 2. Dunne, 3. Ratcliffe, 4. Tokesi, 5. Perry, 6. Gaffney, 7. Palinkas, 8. Pimblett, 9. Conner, 10. Low, 11. Caldwell, 14. Hamilton, 15. P. Wilkinson, 16. McVeigh, 17. B. Wilkinson, 20. Coe. Coach: G. Potter.

REFEREE: S. Mellings
Linesmen: J. Fearn
S. Zoumas

Next week: Brisbane City at home to Footscray



P. Wilkinson



Selvage

BLACKTOWN DEMONS

Likely squad: 1. James, 2. Wheatley, 3. Pollard, 4. Milovanovic, 5. Pointer, 6. Selvage, 7. Djordjevic, 8. Hormazabal, 9. Culina, 10. O'Donnell, 11. Manning, 12. Quarmby, 13. Cuk, 15. Wallace, 18. Milosevic, 20. Freeman. Coach: R. Rasic.

Saturday, 4pm
Gabbie Stadium

Next week: Blacktown away to Preston

PAST RESULTS:

1980: Blacktown v South Melbourne 0-3.

MELBOURNE GUNNERS

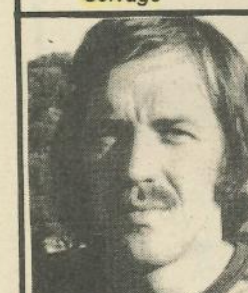
Likely squad: 1. Laumets, 2. V. Bannon, 3. Davidson, 4. Lutton, 5. Xanthopoulos, 6. Rogers, 7. Wright, 8. Christopoulos, 9. Cummings, 10. Evans, 11. Buljevic, 12. Kalafatidis, 14. Campbell, 15. Stevenson, 16. Shirra, 19. Blair, 20. Tsigaras. Coach: H. Margaritis.

REFEREE: T. Davies
Linesmen: G. Power,
P. Haffey

Next week: Sth. Melbourne at home to Newcastle



Christopoulos



Boyle

ADELAIDE HAWKS

Likely squad: 1. Crook, 2. Tymaszczyn, 3. Pillans, 4. McGachey, 5. Topaz, 6. Bozanic, 7. Boyle, 8. Manecas, 10. Honeyman, 11. McGregor, 12. Forde, 13. Haig, 14. Flounders, 21. Hughes, 20. Miller, 25. Lopez. Coach: B. Birch.

Sunday, 2.30pm
Hindmarsh Stadium

Next week: West Adelaide away to Marconi

PAST RESULTS:

1979: West Adelaide v Leichhardt 3-1.
1980: West Adelaide v Leichhardt 0-4.

LEICHHARDT STRIKERS

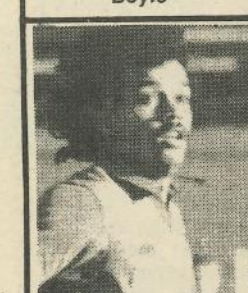
Likely squad: 1. Woodhouse, 2. Skellern, 3. McAusland, 4. Pullen, 5. Wilson, 6. Coyne, 7. Soper, 8. Pirie, 9. Giampaolo, 10. Kafka, 11. O'Connor, 12. Harding, 13. Bradley, 14. Leyden, 15. McKie, 18. Gray, 20. Parks. Coach: W. Wallace.

REFEREE: D. Campbell
Linesmen: J. Rossis,
C. Barbo

Next week: Leichhardt away to Wollongong



Coyne



Ontong

BRISBANE LIONS

Likely squad: 1. Scanlan, 2. Ontong, 3. Niven, 4. Lindsay, 5. Bennett, 6. Hermiston, 7. Hogg, 8. McLean, 9. Ferris, 10. Millman, 11. McNaughton, 12. McGregor, 14. Ogden, 17. Wright, 18. Konstantinou, 20. Lowndes. Coach: M. Carson.

Sunday, 3 p.m.
Richlands

Next week: Lions away to Adelaide City

PAST RESULTS:

Lions and Preston meeting for the First time.

PRESTON RAMS

Likely squad: 1. Kastner, 2. Rainey, 3. Beech, 4. Ollerton, 5. Higham, 6. Faulkner, 7. Cullen, 8. Flavell, 9. McMillan, 10. Petrovski, 11. Ward, 12. Brown, 13. Lucchesi, 14. Little, 15. Stoikos. Coach: B. Edgeley.

REFEREE: C. Amos
Linesmen: A. Kibbler
G. Nicholson

Next week: Preston at home to Blacktown



McMillan



Boland

FOOTSCRAY EAGLES

Likely squad: 1. Boland, 2. Hazabent, 3. Petrou, 4. Kyriakouleas, 5. Kondarios, 6. Jovanovic, 7. Simic, 8. Ilioski, 10. Vasic, 11. McLaughlin, 12. Mclvor, 13. Petrou, 14. Belic, 15. Kakantonis, 16. Curovic, 17. Cozzella, 18. Milne. Coach: C. Cerkovic.

Sunday, 3pm
Schintler Reserve

Next week: Footscray away to Brisbane City

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Footscray v Adelaide City 3-4.
1978: Footscray v Adelaide City 0-1.
1979: Footscray v Adelaide City 0-2.
1980: Footscray v Adelaide City 1-3.

ADELAIDE GIANTS

Likely squad: 1. Marshall, 2. Russell, 3. B. Nyskohus, 4. Besir, 5. Jones, 6. Dods, 8. Perin, 9. Marocchi, 10. J. Nyskohus, 11. Mitchell, 12. Northcote, 13. Melta, 14. Miller, 16. Villani, 17. Signore, 22. Peressin. Coach: B. D'Ottavi.

REFEREE: E. Venios
Linesmen: D. Voutsinas
D. Fokianos

Next week: Adelaide City at home to Lions.



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HEIDELBERG v SYD.OLYMPIC 1-0(1-0)

Heidelberg (4-3-3)			
Yankos (3)	Provan (3)	Olver (3)	
Selemidis (3)		Yzendoorn (4)	McMillan (4)
Campbell (3)		Taylor (3)	Rooney (4)
		Cole (3)	Bozikas (3)
●			
Jennings (4)		Koussas (3)	Laing (3)
Jamieson (3)		Raskopoulos (4)	Katholos (4)
Palmer (3)	Rowden (3)	Ziras (3)	Moulis (3)
		Meier (3)	

Sydney Olympic (4-3-3)

Replacements: Cross (58m) for Jamieson
Goal: Campbell (22m).
Referee: D. Yelland — Crowd: 4,637.

Tommy Docherty's pre-match comment was "I hope both teams get beat" and on this performance neither deserved to get anything else for their efforts.

Both sides offered little in the way of entertainment and much less good soccer.

But if nothing else, it offered Jimmy Rooney a good start in his second spell as coach of Heidelberg.

His methods will need time to take effect, of course, and you could hardly blame the weekend's mess on his one training session.

The side has been drained of all confidence by the close season change of coaching direction and it shows more than anywhere else

LUCKY GOAL

in the forward line.

Gary Cole, last year's top scorer, looked like a rank amateur at times, often misreading play and missing the chance of the match after running onto John Yzendoorn's through ball in the 75th minute and then shrugging off Jim Ziras' and Ian Rowden's challenges only to shoot straight into Meier whereas last season he would have probably taken him on before slotting the ball away.

Cole is sadly missing his front running partner Jamie Paton who is carrying an injury.

Rooney was forced to play Jim Campbell in Paton's normal position

but the pair lacked understanding.

Cole put Campbell away as early as the 10th minute but the midfielder took that split second more to start his run and Meier dashed out to reach it before him.

The winning goal had a touch of luck about it. Andy Bozikas' corner was missed by Meier and came off Campbell's head into the net after 22 minutes.

But if Heidelberg struggled, Sydney Olympic fared no better and the Doc still has mountains of problems to solve.

Peter Raskopoulos made his debut after the

midweek swap from Marconi and made a difference to the midfield where he worked hard with Peter Katholos but the side labors badly in front of goal.

Raskopoulos had a shot palmed onto the bar after 17 minutes and fullback Danny Moulis suffered the same fate eight minutes from half time.

In the second half Katholos twice had the chance to equalise but shot over the bar from inside the box and then had a lower shot saved by Olver.

Heidelberg nearly handed Mark Koussas a goal on a platter with a back pass but the young striker's breakaway was foiled by John Yzendoorn.

—Paul Galea

FOOTSCRAY v MARCONI 1-2(0-0)

Footscray (4-3-3)			
Hazabent (3)	Milne (4)	Boland (5)	
Mclvor (3)		O'Reilly (4)	Kyriakouleas (2)
Kakantonis (2)		Ilioski (4)	Simic (3)
		Cozzella (3)	Curovic (3)
●			
Krncevic (4)		Jankovics (4)	Sharne (3)
Colusso (3)		Byrne (5)	Housseini (3)
Muir (4)	Prskalo (3)	Henderson (3)	Degney (4)
		Maher (3)	

Marconi (4-3-3)

Replacements: Petrov (45m) for Mclvor, Vasic (63m) for Milne.
Goals: 0-1 Sharne (62m), 1-1 Ilioski (71m), 1-2 Muir (80m).
Referee: J. Fearn — Crowd: 2,000 — Cautions: Hazabent, Prskalo.

The match at Schintler Reserve failed completely in providing reasonable entertainment.

The game was dull, colourless and boring.

The 9th and 11th minutes were notable for the agility and fine 'keeping of Dennis Boland, who saved shots from Jankovics and Colusso.

The trio of Ilioski, Milne and O'Reilly were overburdened with keeping the slate clean, so it was up to Henderson to try a long shot to liven things up.

Things were still pretty dull at the half hour, with little hope of seeing a goal to break the ice.

DEADLY DULL

Footscray's young brigade were battling hard, with both Cozzella and Curovic trying hard to make headway and the whistle blew at half-time scoreless.

The second half did improve with Marconi showing more initiative and Boland giving us food for thought as to why this man has not been given some representative games.

He must have the best pair of hands in the game in Victoria.

A well taken corner found Sharne slotting home that vital break

through, to bring some reward for their persistence.

Footscray were battling hard to retrieve the position and Byrne was the chief stumbling block to their endeavours.

Out of the blue, Zoran Ilioski squared the score with an excellent drive, which left Maher helpless.

Sharne and Krncevic then combined to give Krncevic an opportunity to score, but Boland saved brilliantly in the 73rd minute.

Footscray were

coming out of defence to bolster their attack with only 10 minutes left, and could not be blamed for these tactics in an effort to take both points.

Muir, in a forward position, struck the ball well and gave Boland no chance to save.

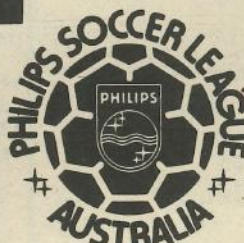
The game had not risen to any heights, and some sympathy should go to Footscray as they were without Jovanovic and Kondarios.

Jovanovic is out with an arm injury, and Kondarios is in dispute with the club financially.

— Jock Stephen



PHILIPS CUP '81



WEST ADELAIDE v CUMBERLAND 3-1

West Adelaide (4-3-3)			
Tymczyszyn (3)		Crook (4)	
Boyle (4)	Topaz (5)	Maricic (4)	Bozanic (4)
Manecas (4)		McGachey (4)	McKie (3)
		Brown (3)	Pillans (3)
●			
	G. Pankhurst (3)		Mahoney (4)
Reeves (4)	Evans (3)	Welsh (4)	Dobney (3)
Parks (3)	Hawes (3)	Ball (4)	B. Leane (4)
		Johnson (4)	

Cumberland United (4-4-2)

Replacements: Norris (63m) for Manecas, Murdoch (76m) for Mahony, D. Pankhurst (86m) for Reeves.
Goals: 0-1 Mahony (33m), 1-1 McGachey (48m), 2-1 Manecas (56m), 3-1 Norris (86m).
Referee: B. Harwood (WA) — Crowd: 6,328 (double header).

It was third time lucky for the West Adelaide Hawks as they triumphed over the Cumberland jinx which saw them downed in a pre-season trial game and ousted from the SA Ampol Cup.

The Cumberland United Foxes, who adopted a nickname long before the PSL teams, were again a jump ahead of the Hawks when they snared the lead after 33 minutes.

The goal came from a splendid first-time hook shot by State striker David Mahony after Gary Pankhurst had floated over a right wing cross.

Hawks captain Neil McGachey led the revival when he notched the equaliser three minutes after halftime to register the first Westad goal

HOODOO OVER

against Cumberland in 168 minutes of Ampol Cup and Philips Cup competition.

Former Portuguese player Manecas followed with the Hawks second goal just eight minutes later to suggest that he was at long last approaching his best form.

His run was short-lived, however, because seven minutes after his success, Manecas pulled a hamstring as he attempted another wing sortie and had to leave the field.

His replacement, Graham Norris, who was surprisingly left out of the starting line-up following an excellent

game against Canberra Arrows the previous week, joined the scorers' list four minutes from fulltime.

The goal climaxed a delicate move as Norris accepted a relayed header from David Pillans to nod the ball past Cumberland goalkeeper Kevin Johnson.

Johnson had earlier kept the Foxes within reach with fine saves from McGachey and Vic Bozanic.

But Cumberland bowed out of the Australia-wide series with few reputations dented.

Captain-coach Mike

Ball made life difficult for young Tim Brown, while Barry Leane, Chris Hawes and Steve Parks lent solid defensive support.

Meanwhile, Gary Reeves and Brian Welsh showed the elegance and control expected of them in the midfield, while Daryl Evans destroyed as well as created.

The Foxes, however, never quite managed to compensate for the absence of big David Leane in attack, despite gutsy efforts from Mahony and Gary Pankhurst.

— Allan Crisp



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CANBERRA v NEWCASTLE 2-1(0-1)

Canberra (4-3-3)

M. O'Shea (3)	Wilson (4)	Stark (3)	R. O'Shea (3)
Cole (3)	Byrne (5)	R. O'Shea (3)	Farrell (4)
Brennan (4)	MacLaren (2)	Valeri (5)	
Buckley (2)	Mountford (3)	McClelland (3)	
Senkalski (3)	Mason (2)	Kamasz (4)	
Curran (3)	Drinkwater (3)	Bertogna (4)	Reaney (2)
	Dando (3)		

Newcastle (4-3-3)

Replacements: Sneddon (38m) for Curran, Jones (67m) for Mason, Massa (77m) for MacLaren.
Goals: 0-1 Mason (29m), 1-1 Valeri (47m), 2-1 Valeri (64m).
Referee: T. Davies — Crowd: 3,700 (est.)

Walter Valeri was a two-goal, two-point hero for the second time in two weeks.

He has collected the scalp of Sydney Slickers and now has Newcastle to add to his tally.

However, the result looked like going to the visitors after Craig Mason met an inch perfect pass from an Ian Buckley wing run after 29 minutes.

Canberra went into the dressing room down by the odd goal at halftime, a result which failed to reflect the run of play as the locals dominated the first half.

However, they demonstrated their difficulty in scoring while encamped in the opponent's penalty area by frittering chances with poor shooting and an inability

GOAL TOUCH

to split the Newcastle defence effectively.

George Murray must have talked sternly at halftime for the Arrows retook the field resolute in attack.

Just as the match seemed to die a bit, a freekick was awarded to Canberra two metres outside the area.

The ball was tapped to Walter Valeri who slammed the ball into the base of the net with Phil Dando standing inert.

From that moment on the game started to swing in favour of Canberra. The Newcastle forwards had few successful attacking moments and were con-

trolled expertly by the Canberra defence with Terry Byrne outstanding.

Meanwhile Canberra forwards and midfield pressed relentlessly and led to the second Canberra goal after 64 minutes.

Isaac Farrell passed the ball to Tony Brennan who sprinted from midfield with the ball to Walter Valeri who walloped it past Dando from three metres.

Up the other end a fine Bob Mountford header was safely held by Richard Wilson.

The match was free-flowing and entertaining, marred only by some curious decisions awarded by referee Tim Davies.

ded by referee Tim Davies.

Newcastle gave one of their weakest displays in Canberra for some time.

Their strikers were more subdued than usual and even the fiery Malcolm McClelland failed to stir things up.

Quite amazingly, Walter Valeri seems to have found his old goal-touch.

For some years it was believed that his effectiveness depended heavily on the presence of his "twin", Giam-paolo.

However, Valeri's new partnership with Tony Brennan appears to be blossoming, filling Canberra fans with new optimism for the future.

— Peter Kunz

SYDNEY CITY v BLACKTOWN 3-0(2-0)

Sydney City (4-3-3)

Souness (3)	Pezzano (3)	O'Connor (4)	Bruce (4)
Barnes (3)	Spanos (3)	Patikas (3)	Muniz (4)
Watson (3)	Kosmina (4)	Boden (4)	
Burrows (4)	Wallace (2)		
O'Donnell (3)	Culina (3)	Hormazabal (3)	Selva (3)
Pollard (3)	Milovanovic (3)	Pointer (3)	Wheatley (2)
	James (3)		

Blacktown Demons (4-4-2)

Replacements: Rasmussen (40m) for Pointer, Cuk (60m) for Culina, Gomez (82m) for O'Connor.
Goals: 1-0 Boden (28m), 2-0 Boden (37m), 3-0 Boden (85m, pen.)
Referee: A. Rodway — Crowd: 1,305 — Cautions: Burrows, Boden, Rasmussen — Sent off: Hormazabal (82m.)

Another hat-trick by soccer magician Ken Boden and to complete it against Blacktown Demons he appeared to add another piece of soccer chicanery to his repertoire.

In the 85th minute in an apparent offside position he made himself "invisible" to linesman Scevak and was allowed to gather the ball, advance and beat goalkeeper Bruce James with insolent ease.

But by that stage the Demons were a beaten force displaying little thrust up front.

The introduction of Paul Burrows, signed from Newcastle late last week for a rumoured

HAT TRICK

\$5,000, failed to produce needed goals though the hard working attacker was the pick of the Blacktown front line.

A disappointed crowd of 1,305 watched without much enthusiasm a match which rarely produced the fireworks expected from a cup tie.

There was also a disturbing lack of publicity afforded to the clash apart from a couple of small paid advertisements in the local press.

If two "out of town" teams are to play in a country centre much

greater media exposure is necessary by the Philips Cup organisers to promote the tie.

Ricky Hormazabal received his marching orders from referee Alf Rodway.

After an early caution he received another eight minutes before the end for a technical infringement at a freekick situation and rather harshly found himself heading towards the dressing rooms.

Sydney City should have surged into the lead after only eight minutes when Muniz gathered a

freekick from Souness.

With only James to beat, Muniz failed to elude the advancing goalkeeper.

In the 28th minute, Watson was brought down in a solid tackle by rugged defender Milovanovic and Boden netted from the penalty spot.

Nine minutes later a badly directed header allowed Boden through to race in unchallenged to give Sydney City a match winning lead before halftime.

Blacktown badly missed experienced defender Jovan Djordjevic, who is on the injured list.

— Myles Hay

ADELAIDE CITY v KINGSWAY 3-0(2-0)

Adelaide City (4-3-3)

Russell (5)	Marshall (4)	Perin (4)	B. Nyskohus (5)
Marocchi (4)	J. Nyskohus (4)	Villani (3)	
Mitchell (4)	Rankin (4)	Buch (4)	
Brynjulpson (3)	Dundo (4)	Garvey (3)	
Hill (3)	Skeets (4)	Sharp (3)	
Schrandt (4)	Watt (4)	Terpkos (3)	Callaghan (4)
	Drury (3)		

Kingsway Olympic (4-3-3)

Replacements: Peressin (78m) for Marshall, Miller (52m) for Jones, Signore (72m) for Buch, Cooke (46m) for Brynjulpson, Hazabroek (59m) for Hill.
Goals: 1-0 Mitchell (22m), 2-0 Villani (35m), 3-0 Mitchell (55m).
Referee: R. Kerr — Crowd: 6,328 (double header).

After travelling 2,742 kilometres, Kingsway Olympic can be excused if they felt a sense of injustice at being tossed out of the Philips Cup.

For who should the Sandgropers confront in their daunting quest but two West Australian-born players in Gary Marocchi and David Jones.

And to rub salt into the wound, it was Marocchi who skippered the Giants in their annihilation of Olympic.

However, Jones had to retire in the seventh minute of the second half after suffering from the effects of an earlier knock on his back.

Kingsway, despite a

YOUTH WINS

gallant attempt, never seemed capable of bridging the standard gap between PSL and State League football.

Were WA teams admitted to the PSL back in 1977, there would be no divergence and Marocchi and Jones would not have forsaken their home State.

But as things are and were last Sunday, the Giants were able to comfortably defeat Olympic even though they fielded their most inexperienced team of the season.

With Brian Northcote joining Glenn Dods and

John Besir on the Giants injury list and with Sergio Melita unavailable, coach Bob D'Ottavi called up rookies, Peter Rankin and Greg Buch.

Rankin, 16, and Buch, 19, responded superbly and together with Socceroo Youth squad members David Mitchell and Charlie Villani and second half substitutes Luci Signore, Chris Miller and Steve Peressin, transformed the Giants into an extremely youthful unit.

The Giants were quicker, slicker and smoother than the Perth

brigade who managed to keep their goal intact until mid-way through the first half when Mitchell broke through for the first of his two goals.

The Giants increased their lead 10 minutes after halftime when Villani smashed a shot past Paul Drury after accepting a fine pass from Marocchi.

Further scoring chances fell to Rankin and Russell before Mitchell made it 3-0 when he ended a great solo run by rounding Olympic goalkeeper Drury before sliding an acutely angled drive home.

— Allan Crisp

WOLLONGONG v DOWNER 3-0(1-0)

Wollongong (4-3-3)

Adam (4)	Preston (4)	Dunleavy (5)	Ainsworth (4)
Lathan (4)	De Graaf (4)	Fleming (3)	McBreen (3)
Turner (3)	Campbell (3)	Tredinnick (5)	
Langone (3)	Redmund (4)	Williamson (3)	
Murphy (4)	Tansey (4)	Steward (3)	
Bagan (3)	Kyrios (5)	Grosse (4)	Smith (3)
	Kocmar (4)		

Downer (4-3-3)

Replacements: Morton (46m) for Lathan, Campbell (61m) for Williamson.
Goals: 1-0 Lathan (39m), 2-0 Campbell (80m), 3-0 Adam (88m, pen.)
Referee: K. Small — Crowd: 1,000 — Sent off: Tansey — Cautions: Adam, Fleming, Langone.

Downer who? That's what most fans must have asked hearing that a little known Canberra team would take on the unbeaten PSL sensations Wollongong.

And they not only took them on — but went very close to knocking them out of the Cup.

Down 0-1, Downer Olympic had two or three enormous chances to pull even and at least force the game into extra time.

Two cautions, two excellent but wasted Tredinnick crosses and then a save on his line by Ainsworth were the highlights of the first half hour.

Wollongong weren't loafing — but the excellent Canberra team fully stretched them.

MEEK ROAR

Then — disaster. Grosse's headed clearance went to McBreen, then to Lathan and he shot the Wolves into a face-saving lead.

Wolves coach Ken Morton came on in the second half — and showed that he could very easily hold his own in any company.

In the 51st and 55th minutes Wollongong could have sealed the fate of the match but Tredinnick and then Fleming missed chances.

Then came Downer Olympic and, for about 25 minutes, outplayed their illustrious opponents.

Only luck saved the Wolves goal in the 56th minute when the ball just wouldn't trickle over the line in a scramble.

Some 16 minutes from the end George Campbell — the former St. George player — chipped the ball over Preston but De Graaf saved on the line with a spectacular overhead kick.

The end was quick and, for Olympic, rather tragic. In the 80th minute Tredinnick swooped on a ball and, with the defence waiting for an offside decision, swept the ball in low into the goalmouth and Campbell made it 2-0 with a stab.

Two minutes from time Tansey handled the ball and Adam slammed in the penalty.

Tansey repeatedly queried the decision, allegedly with some choice expletives undeleted and referee Small ordered him off for violent conduct.

The final scoreline greatly flatters the Wolves who, had they had an unlucky day, could have even exited from the Cup.

Downer Olympic is a fine team, well above several NSW State League outfits in quality.

I, for one, wonder how excellent players like Kyrios, Tansey and Murphy have escaped the hawk-like attention of PSL coaches.

— Andrew Dettre

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE REPORT

By Paul James



All going well, the Socceroos will be at the World Cup in Spain in June and July next year.

While they are away, should the domestic season be suspended or should it continue?

We asked the NSW State League clubs this week for their views.

CANTERBURY

"The State League should certainly continue," said Canterbury's Con Tzavellas.

"It is perhaps a different story for the Philips League but I don't see why the State should be disrupted.

"The World Cup will attract a lot of attention, naturally, but I think people will still want to go out on the weekends to see 'live' soccer.

"I can't see why we should cut off their normal soccer entertainment.

"I am assuming, of course, that the TV stations won't replay late night games on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

"In fact, steps should be taken now that this doesn't happen."

Con said the PSL should look at the possibility of rescheduling the matches of those teams which provide two or more players for the national team.

"But I don't think it is a wise move to suspend any competition altogether.

"European countries can delay the start of their season or even end it sooner so they can avoid our problems, but we must get people into the habit of going to soccer," Con said.

"If we start breaking this habit, some won't come back when it's all over," he added.

RIVERWOOD

Riverwood's Eric Smith was one of many who said the State League should continue.

"I suppose the reason the question is being asked is that the World Cup will undoubtedly get great coverage in the press and there will be little room left for any other soccer, particularly the domestic competitions.

"But I think we have to be realistic.

"The daily press has little or no bearing on our crowds: we get our crowds through club loyalty and by work within the districts.

"I don't really feel that we should make way for the World Cup, or rather that we should cower before it.

"There will undoubtedly be a need for both the State League and the PSL because a lot of people will want to see live soccer.

"They will also watch the World Cup games on television, but one assumes any replays and so forth will be put on in the evenings," Eric said.

"I think we would be making a big mistake to postpone the league — to put a two or three-week hole in it.

"The clubs would find it very hard to keep players motivated, and would probably arrange friendly matches: you may as well keep the competition going.

"The PSL's case is different. They will have some teams that could be decimated.

"But the vast majority of the sides will be relatively untouched and I think they, too, should be allowed to continue playing," Eric said.

POLONIA



Polonia's spokesman said he felt the State League should go ahead with its competition if Australia qualifies for the World Cup.

"I think it would be a different matter if the competition was held in Australia or nearby.

"But there are not likely to be many Australians going to Spain: we won't lose a great deal of our crowd.

"Sure, people will watch the games on television and there will be a thrill in 'live' matches.

"But I think people always like to go out and see matches 'in the flesh.'

"I think the State League should capitalise on the soccer mania that will erupt if we qualify for Spain.

"We should try to capture more people into the game," he said.

"I don't think we should break the season just because the newspapers may devote all their space to the World Cup.

"I think that would be a bad mistake," he said.

PARRAMATTA

Parramatta's Bob Chisholm felt it was hard enough at present to complete a full season's matches without throwing in a break of two or three weeks, perhaps more.

This, he said, was a luxury the State couldn't afford.

"None of the State League clubs really rely on the daily newspaper coverage for their support so I don't think that the expected big World Cup Media coverage will be a blow to our League.

"None of the State League clubs are likely to have any players in the Socceroo squad, so we wouldn't be affected in

that regard either.

"The PSL situation is different. They may have to consider giving some of their clubs a deferment.

"But I can't see why even the whole of the PSL should be suspended. There will be people who will want to go and see soccer, no matter what goes on in Spain.

"A break halfway through the season would be harmful and could wreck the whole year," he added.

SUTHERLAND

Sutherland's Laurie Haynes felt that the State League should continue on during the World Cup in 1982.

"People who have become used to going to soccer on the weekend should be still catered for," he said.

"I agree that the World Cup may affect some of the PSL clubs and they may have a case to have matches postponed.

"But the teams should have enough depth of talent to carry on while the Socceroos are away. One, perhaps two clubs could be so seriously affected that they could reasonably ask for a postponement of their games.

"The State League doesn't really have to worry about this problem.

"If we presume that the Media will devote all their attention to the World Cup, we may be right—but the State League has been getting a pretty raw deal anyway from the Press and we don't rely much on them for our support.

"So I don't think there is an impressive argument for the State League to suspend its operation while the World Cup is on," he added.

AVALA



Kaz Kulak, Avala's coach, agreed with the general feeling.

"No, we should continue with the State League," he said.

"There is no point in calling a halt.

"We don't have any State League players in the Australian team, and I think there are a lot of people who will expect the usual club games to go on each weekend.

"After all, we are providing entertainment.

"We can't compete with the World Cup, of course, but there are people who will still want to see their club teams in action as well as watching the World Cup."

Kaz said only PSL clubs with three or more players in the national squad should be allowed to postpone games.

"A club should have depth and enough reserve talent to take the loss

of two players," he said.

"If they have any more missing then their games should be postponed and played when the team arrives back from Spain — or possibly even before it leaves," he said.

CROATIA



"The State League should continue," said Croatia's Tony Topic.

"We cannot afford to break the season — it would disrupt everything," he said.

"The World Cup won't affect the State League in any way.

"I can't see any State League players in the Australian squad — although there should be — and there won't be any disruptions to the playing program.

"There won't really be a clash of 'entertainment' either," he said.

"I think TV entertainment and live entertainment, even if they both are soccer, are treated as different things by the public.

"People may watch the World Cup games, but they will want to see the live version — even if it is 'only' club soccer.

"Plus I think people like to congregate and meet their friends and talk about the big matches — and where better than at soccer."



Referee Gary Power produces one of six yellow cards in last week's tough, exciting match between Croatia and Avala at Knight Park.

ST. GEORGE



St. George secretary Steve Kaye said he felt the State League should go on if and when the Socceroos were in Spain.

"I think a postponement of rounds would create further difficulties.

"There wouldn't be any real need for the break, as none of the teams will have players in the side — though our Peter Stone should be

there.

"And I think it is better to have the leagues — both State and PSL — running so that when the players return, they can fit back into the routine easier."

Stephen said he felt the fans would also want the State League to continue.

"Those people who are watching the State League now are the diehard fans.

"They would go and watch the State League. AS WELL as watching matches on TV.

"I don't think they would fall into the category that would be 'fed up' with football.

"They are the types that can't get enough, and I think we should cater for them."

Stephen said he felt the PSL should consider postponing matches which involved a number of Socceroos.

"But I think there will be enough publicity left for the PSL and to stop all matches would be a luxury," he added.

NORTH SYDNEY

"I don't think the State League should be disrupted," North Sydney's spokesman said.

"I'm not saying the World Cup is not important, but just that the State League wouldn't really be affected by our participation in it.

"I doubt if any of the State League teams will have Australian representatives — though Rudi Gutendorf

when they returned, and their players suffered great let-downs after the euphoria of the World Cup.

"I think the PSL should suspend its competition, but the State League should go on," he said.

BANKSTOWN

"I think the State League should continue," said Bankstown's Jim Giffin.

"I know there will be great coverage of the World Cup, but there will also be a lot of people who will want to see their weekend soccer as well.

"The daily press will be concentrating on the World Cup and the soccer public will be looking to Spain.

"I also think that a break in the season would not be beneficial at that stage of the year, considering that it is unlikely that any State League players will be in the Australian squad.

"Our season is cramped and long enough as it is without adding extra weeks and mid-week games to the program.

"The PSL should also think before calling a halt," he said.

MONARO



"The State League should definitely go on," Inter Monaro's Joe Chiera said.

"I can't see why we should suspend our competition.

"I agree the World Cup is important and that most attention will be on it, but the domestic season is also very important: it is the grass roots of soccer.

"None of the State League teams are likely to have representatives on the Australian team, so I can't see why we should stop playing while the Socceroos are away.

"The PSL might consider postponing some matches, but I don't think they would suspend the whole league either.

"I think there will be a market for live soccer," he said.

AUBURN

"I don't think the Socceroos departure would warrant the stopping of the State League matches," said Auburn's Fred Parker.

"One would hope that World Cup matches would be replayed at hours that wouldn't clash with usual kick off times in the State League," he said.

"If that is the case, then I don't really see the need to postpone the League for a couple of weeks.

"We don't get a great volume of press coverage now, and I

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don't suppose the lack of a coverage when the World Cup comes around will make much difference to crowds," Fred said.

"PSL clubs with players in the squad should be given consideration, but even the PSL should think twice before acting rashly and calling a halt.

"I think there will be a market for them to play to and I think the clubs will need the revenue.

"How are they expected to continue for some weeks without playing: just to keep the players?"

"I think it would break up the rhythm of the season," Fred added.

MANLY

Manly's George Dick felt that the State League shouldn't suspend its competition.

"I can't see why we should even consider it," he said.

"Granted, the World Cup will be big news and will probably take up a lot of space in the papers and time on television.

"But I don't think we should just sit back and watch our TV sets for two weeks while the Socceroos are engaged — if, as we are assuming they will be — in the World Cup.

"The Philips League also should think hard before deciding to postpone a couple of rounds.

"I think a better idea would be a reprieve to give those teams with a few players missing and let them play their matches later," he said.

MELITA

Melita's president Emmanuel said disagreed that the Daily Press didn't have any bearing on the crowds that attend State League matches.

But he still felt that the State League games should continue during the World Cup.

"Although I can see that the papers will be full of the World Cup and there will be little room for news on our competition, I still think we owe it to our supporters to keep on playing," he said.

Emmanuel said he felt a break in the competition would be potentially disastrous.

"We can't expect players to sit around for two weeks — or just to continue training without getting a chance to play.

"And if we organise friendlies — well, we might as well play competition matches.

"I think we must continue the State League," he said.

"What the PSL does is their own business."

DAVE TO LEAVE

Dave McIntosh has asked St. George manager Frank Arok for a transfer. And the Saints, albeit reluctantly, are prepared to let the big fellow go. "McIntosh wants a regular place in our team and I can't guarantee that to him or anybody else," Arok said this week. "I was happy with him and will be sorry to see him go."

Meanwhile, a hitch has occurred with the transfer of Roy Cotton to Wollongong. The Wolves, who earlier had agreed to pay \$8,000 for the skilful striker, have backed out of the deal.

Bankstown officials are hoping that BOB FARTHING will soon win his way back into the first grade side. Last week Bob scored a hat-trick in the second grade's win over Manly, and the week before netted twice.

Canterbury are hoping that CHRIS THAMNIDIS' ankle injury will clear up by the weekend. Chris was hampered by the injury last week in the team's narrow 1-0 loss to Polonia.

STEVE MEADES' game last week for Sutherland against Riverwood was his comeback match after an operation for a dislocated shoulder.

Sutherland will be without RON SCHUMANN for at least a week because of a knee injury he suffered last week.

Parramatta officials are hoping that they will have at least four of the 'missing persons' back in the team for this weekend's match. Last week, when Parramatta were hammered 8-0 by Melita, the side was

without DENNIS DONOVAN, PERCE BIGLANDS (suspended) and KEVIN LACKEY (back injury) while DAVID MITCHELL and JOHN CRAWFORD carried injuries during the match. Kevin Lackey's injury seems the most serious and club officials fear he may be out of action for a couple of months.

Avala have lost their gifted midfielder BRUCE TILT for some months. Bruce damaged his knee last week against Croatia and the injury looks like

requiring an operation. Coach KAZ KULAK said Bruce's cartilage were damaged.

Melita have scheduled their first home match at Everley Park against Manly on Sunday week. This week they will play Sutherland at Garside Park on Saturday, and not Sunday as first planned.

First Division newcomers, Guildford County, have appointed Mal O'Neill as their first

grade coach with Tom Campbell handling the second grade and Brian Trubshaw taking care of the young third graders. Managers are Basil Bull with the third grade and Don Hokin taking on first and second. County has made several new signings. Two are David Morrison, ex-Bankstown and Grahame Baron ex-Parramatta City.

Auburn's defender ALEX McMILLAN has asked to be placed on the transfer list. Alex has

been with the club since 1973, only leaving for a short spell in 1979 when he went to APIA, before returning last year.

Auburn's president RON BOWMAN is due back this week from a six-week business trip to Europe.

Bankstown have been hit with a sudden spate of injuries: STEVE RADOVAC will be out of action for some time with a broken ankle. The young reserve grade defender was being groomed to take over in case GREG LYNCH was injured, and now that Greg, too, is sidelined the defence is in some trouble. Greg's injury looks like being very serious, with possible torn ligaments.

NSW COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE

Can Csardas beat Mazurka?

The St. George Behemoth is threatening to trample everything and everyone in its path as they once again scored an impressive win in their fourth round State League match.

Will it be Croatia that finally stops them? Saints' coach Frank Arok has said that he doesn't want the championship hinging on that match.

Before the two teams meet he wants at least a five-point gap. Croatia, however, have also been maintaining a tremendous pace.

They are also unbeaten, with two vital wins in the past two outings against Sutherland and Avala.

This week Croatia play Manly at King Tomislav. The Seaside's won't be the pushovers that everyone thinks.

Their mixed form of recent weeks has given them four points and they are fairly comfortably off in the table.

Manly should push them all the way but we still see a Croatia win, 2-1.



Paul Kay.

St. George will have tough opponents this week when they play Polonia.

The Plumpton boys are riding high and with their four Polish recruits can be regarded as the Saints' toughest opponents in the league to date.

But Saints have great depth and their momentum at present is such that we can't see Polonia stopping them.

We tip another good Saints win, 3-0.

Riverwood picked up their first point last week, but Avala coach Kaz Kulak is determined they won't get another for a fortnight.

Riverwood's clash this week with Avala will be an interesting affair for both sides desperately need points.

Avala want to remain

in contact with the leaders while Riverwood want to pull away from the bottom.

An Avala win is likely through it may be tougher than expected — we tip Avala 2-1.

Melita thrashed Parramatta last week in a match that ran anything but to past results.

This week Melita takes on the Sharks.

Melita will hope to continue their good form and Sutherland will be out to score goals.

They've only netted four in their four games.

A draw would not surprise here and we tip a 1-1 result.

Bankstown and North Sydney meet at the Soccer Centre on Sunday.

Bankstown lost to Manly and are now pointless after four games.

Norths are quite capable of picking themselves up from last

week's loss to Monaro.

We tip a 2-0 result for Norths.

Monaro entertain a rather named Auburn this Saturday at the Marco Polo ground.

It is a while since Auburn suffered such a heavy mauling as the one they got last week.

Monaro have started to pick up points and their two wins will give them great heart.

We tip a closely fought draw, with a few goals to entertain the crowd in a 2-2 result.

Parramatta will have to summon all their resources to lift themselves up to meet Canterbury this Sunday.

Canterbury are likely to try and capitalise on the Magpies' hammering last week.

We tip a Canterbury win 3-1.

AUBURN v ST. GEORGE 0-5(0-1)

Stone, striker Marton and the elusive little Davies particularly effective.

AUBURN: Bowman 3, McInerney 3, (Theiring 75m), Prgomelja 3, Bertram 3, Bates 2, McDonald 3, Quigley 3, Bielby 3, McCannor 3, Leak 2, Brown 3.

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 3, Duarte 4, Terry 3, Russell (Kay 20m, 3), Rylands 4, Barton 4, Davies 5, Stone 4, Walker 3, Griffiths 3, Marton 3 (Beggs 75m).

Goals: 0-1 Marton (34m), 0-2 Davies (59m), 0-3 Kay (62m), 0-4 Davies (64m), 0-5 Barton (81m). Referee: K. Smith; crowd: 302. — Ben de Goosse

SUTHERLAND v RIVERWOOD 0-0

Riverwood picked up their first point of the season with a much improved performance by several of their 'older' hands.

Ron Gisbourne in goal at last showed his old confidence and did well to stop several shots.

Billy Bulloch's return to the team was also a vital factor in the improvement. Sutherland again grafted well, but their forwards had an off day.

Nigel Groome and Vic Dal Forno were solid while Steve Meades had a good display in his comeback match.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes 3, Hesford 3, Cashman 3, Donnelly 3, Dal Forno 4, Webber 3 (Tillett 70m), Meades 3, Groome 4, Stoddart 3, Connor 3 (P. Bush 67m).

RIVERWOOD: Gisbourne 5, Butcher 3, Wignall 3, Martin 3, Mikas 3, Lee 3, Fisher 3, Savor 3, Bulloch 4, Tracey 3, Landon 3.

Referee: G. Warne; crowd: 802; caution: Webber. — Wayne Kerr

PARRAMATTA CITY v MELITA 0-8(0-2)

This is one game Parramatta City will want to forget in a hurry. Nothing went right for City from the start.

First they had to field several replacements because of a spate of injuries then they lost Terry Hynes with a red card with the game only 16 minutes old.

But even without these problems it is doubtful if Parramatta could have done much better against Melita who struck their best form.

Don Allan scored a great hat-trick well fed from behind by Ray Farrugia and Mike Berry who controlled midfield.

This solid Melita victory could well be attributed to their mid-field men where Paul Thompson, Paul Daley and Greg McCoy had fine games behind the forwards.

Melita led 2-0 at half time with goals from Allan and Cabon, but they opened the floodgates and seven minutes into the second

half they were leading 6-0. The victory was Melita's biggest win over City in their recent meetings.

PARRAMATTA: Thurlow 3, Roughley 2, Fairclough 3, McKenzie 3, Hynes 1 (sent off), Cook 3, (Mitchell 58m), Roden 3, Bates 2, Strickland 2, Herron 2, Brizuela 3 (Crawford 58m).

MELITA: Greedy 4, McCoy 4, Cabon 3, Daley 4, Thompson 4, Farrugia 4, Berry 4, Stoddart 4, Allan 4, Martinez 3, Parker 4 (Ross 74m).

Goals: 0-1 Allan (26m), 0-2 Cabon (44m), 0-3 Parker (46m), 0-4 Farrugia (50m), 0-5 Allan (52m), 0-6 Martinez (53m), 0-7 Farrugia (66m), 0-8 Allan (82m).

Referee: W. Phelps; crowd: 1,976; cautions: Brizuela and Fairclough; sent off: Hynes. — Charles Spiteri

AVALA v CROATIA 0-1(0-0)

In what must have been one of the most exciting matches of the year over 1,700 patrons saw Croatia and Avala fight out a close battle.

The game was played at blistering pace and the crowd roared with excitement as play flowed from end to end.

Offside traps and close body markings saw many fouls but credit must be given to the players who gave and expected no quarter but got straight on with the play.

Referee Gary Power adjudicated quickly and let play flow though he stopped play to hand out six cautions.

The pace ultimately told on Avala but only in the 82nd minute when a well-worked series of one-two movements saw Marijan Kovacic slam in the winner.

Avala tried desperately for the equaliser but could not find a

kink in the well-drilled Croatia defence.

Best for the Croatia were Alex Kovacic and Lee Sterry and 'keeper Steve Watson while for Avala, Peter Ahrens, Steve Deller and Gary Fairclough shone out.

AVALA: Ahrens 4, Lembryk 3, Deller 4, Fairclough 4, Vujinovic 3 (Gruicic 62m), Sharfegger 3, Pilovski 4, Sammuels 3, Tilt 3 (Bateman 79m), Masich 2, Karanfilovski 3.

CROATIA: Watson 4, A. Kovacic 4, Sterry 4, M. Kovacic 4, Dobson 3, Vidalc 4, Parker 3, Juchniewicz 4 (Czolnowski 69m), Pagano 3, Coleman 3, Hensman 3.

Goal: 0-1 M. Kovacic (82m). Referee: G. Power; crowd: 1m743; cautions: Dobson, Vidalc, Pagano, Czolnowski, Lembryk, Pilovski.

— Peter Coleman.

MANLY v BANKSTOWN 2-0(0-0)

Manly Warringah ran out comfortable winner by two goals but overall the game was spoiled by too many fouls.

The referee Ken Small struggled to keep the game flowing in a very bruising first half that provided little goalmouth action.

Manly launched into attack after the break, determined to score, and did so after three minutes.

Following three quick corners, a Bankstown defender handled the ball in the penalty area and David Jack scored from the spot.

Manly's second goal was scored by Dudley Fox following a good piece of attacking play in the 69th minute — and

Bankstown's late efforts to pull back into the game were repulsed by the rugged Manly side.

MANLY: Dower 3, Riley 3, Doyle 4, Kramer 4, P. Falconer 3, Geohegan 3, K. Falconer 4, Jack 4, Fox 3, Vale 3, Reagan 3.

BANKSTOWN: Lachowicz 3, Greg Lynch (Swatridge 41m, 3), Rootsey 3, Amies 3, Beveridge 3, Peck 4, Rea 3 (Sirell 65m), Nocera 3, Beater 3, Glen Lynch 3, Ferguson 3.

Goals: 1-0 Jack (pen. 48m), 2-0 Fox (69m).

Referee: K. Small; crowd: 485. — M. Renwick

POLONIA v CANTERBURY 1-0(1-0)

Polonia maintained their high position on the competition ladder with this win.

The match was mainly a mid-field slog with attacking movements few and far between.

Polonia scored the winner amidst controversial circumstances after they had been awarded a penalty kick.

Canterbury's 'keeper Alex McPherson saved Polish import Ziggy Garlowski's kick but was adjusted to have moved and the kick was re-taken. The second time Garlowski made no mistake and put Polonia ahead just before half time.

More sensation was to come early in the second half when Polonia's former Polish international 'keeper Ziggy Kalinowski saved twice from the penalty spot before Canterbury's luckless Neil Williams put his

third attempt past the post. Kalinowski certainly won the match for his side with a fine display and saved a fierce shot from Jim Basterfield right on full time.

POLONIA: Kalinowski 6, Harris 3, Zounis 5, Galas 4, Budini 4, Garlowski 4, Noble (Nowak 36m, 3), Carruthers 4 (Sooke 74m), Wiszniewski 3, Sobzyk 3, Jiersa 3.

CANTERBURY: McPherson 4, Karaspyris 4, Laws 2 (Andriou 64m), Barton 4, Lane 3, Basterfield 4, Gill 3, Williams 4, Brown 3, Georgiou 3, Thamnidis 3 (Binos 77m).

Goals: 1-0 Garlowski (42m, pen.). Referee: N. Condron; crowd: 429; cautions: Harris, Wiszniewski, Sobzyk.

— A. Henderson

NORTH SYDNEY v INTER MONARO 1-2(1-2)

North Sydney failed to produce their recent good form and were beaten 'at home' by Monaro — though the match was in fact played at Seymour Shaw.

Norths started well and went into the attack from the outset. Alex Bottalico put his side in the lead after six minutes when he picked up the ball on the edge of the area, beat two tackles and shot past Antonopoulos on the turn.

But Monaro gradually wore Norths down and after 27 minutes Mauro Valeri headed the equaliser.

Nine minutes later Henratty scored what proved to be the winner when he headed an own goal past Lilli after a cross from Heywood 4.

One blot on the game was the sending off of Antonopoulos who was expelled for allegedly kicking an opponent in the 70th

minute. Some quick juggling by coach Arquero sent reserve 'keeper Caputo on for Francis.

NORTH SYDNEY: Lilli 3, McGinn 2, J. Bottalico 3, Henratty 3, Matheson 4, Stevan 3, Wilson 3 (Youssef 46m), Porter 3 (Morsello 46m), J. Bottalico 4, Dale 3, O'Rourke 2.

INTER MONARO: Antonopoulos 1 (sent off), Crawford 3, Charles 4, Noble 3, Santolin 4, Falzon 4, Arquero 4, Francis 3 (Caputo 70m), Link 3 (Sheridan 88m), Valeri 3, Heywood 4.

Goals: 1-0 A. Bottalico (6m), 1-1 Valeri (27m), 1-2 Henratty (o.g. 36m).

Referee: B. Wilkinson; crowd: 148; Cautions: Link; Sent off: Antonopoulos. — G. Streeter

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FIRST DIVISION

— By Charles Spiteri

Ku-ring-gai may not be the most impressive side in the competition but after four rounds they are the only team unbeaten in the division.

Their narrow 2-1 over neighbours Warringah keeps them one point clear of glamour sides Fairy Meadow and Wollongong United, both of whom scored fourth round wins themselves.

Fairy Meadow kept up the pressure with a narrow 2-1 win over the students while neighbours Wollongong beat Revesby by three goals. The Workers have yet to win a game this season.

Newcomers Guildford scored a surprise win over Yugal who played with 10 men for most of the second half while North Bankstown sprung another surprise by beating Bathurst.

Blacktown and Belmore fought out a draw, so did Penrith and Gladesville. Highlights of this week's matches:

FAIRY MEADOW v UNI OF NSW 2-1

Two first half headers by Alan Devenney were quite enough to secure both points for the ambitious Fairy Meadow.

In the first minute a corner from Tony Charnock found the unmarked Devenney in position to head it in past Ridings.

Devenney struck again in the 25th minute when he headed the ball into the net from a pass by Gardner.

With five minutes to halftime Tony Hughes notched University's goal.

After the interval both teams fought it out in midfield with neither scoring any more goals. Fairy Meadow: Marignago, Pic, Pasquale, Devenney, Richardson, Charnock, Davies, Baker, Gardner, Chilly, Langford. Coach: H. Tinney.

BLACKTOWN v BELMORE 2-2

Still reeling from their big defeat the week before, Belmore showed more purpose in their game against Blacktown.

Gary Thompson, just signed from Blacktown City, put United in front quite early and Blacktown continued to dominate the first half.

However, Belmore hit back quickly after the interval with Steve Parkinson scoring the equaliser and soon after Brad Palmer put them ahead from the penalty spot.

With about five minutes to go, Frank De Valle notched the equaliser that gave Blacktown the point.

Incidentally, United have signed Neil Taylor from Blacktown City on loan for the year. Neil came as a sub in the second half.

Blacktown: Evans, Ramisch, Eldridge, Ber, Foster, De Valle, Crone, Davidson, Thompson, Meharg (Taylor), Murray. Coach: D. Zeman.

Belmore: Carlisle, Martin, Cruger (Franks), Hawthorne, B. Palmer, Kirwin, Gary Billingham (Graham Billingham), Parkinson, G. Palmer, Aughton, Ahern. Coach: O. Klaus.

YUGAL v GUILDFORD 1-2

Poor finishing and playing with 10 men for most of the second half cost Yugal two valuable points.

Winger Tanoski gave Yugal the lead in the 15th minute when he beat two defenders before scoring with a low shot.

Then trouble struck in the second half when Travini was sent off two minutes after the resumption and Guildford came forward very strongly.

Tony Glass scored from a header following a freekick by Miller and Stewart beat the defence to get the winner a couple of minutes later.

Yugal: Berry, Randell, Cummings, Mihajlovic, Clarke, Coldarevic, Sahib, (Radivojovic), Rathmell, Rokoderea (Steel), Rodas, Tanoski. Coach: I. Takac. Guildford: Duggan, Miller, Allen, Glass, Hunter, Morrison, McGlynn, McTigue (McMahon), Slater (Tait), Moss, Stewart. Coach: M. O'Neill.

PENRITH v GLADESVILLE 0-0

Penrith played rather well in the first 20 minutes but that was just about the only time they could have scored a goal.

The Ravens were on top for the rest of the match but could not convert their advantage into goals.

Penrith: Kristic, Hobart, Gaskin, Lewis, Dunn, Kelly (Smith), G. Beamer, Dimattia, Condon (Anderson), Thoms, Hood. Coach: S. Ackerley.

Gladesville: Slark, Kevern, T. Johnstone, Kendall, Harrison, G. Johnstone, Woodford, Goldsworthy, McGrath, Nile, Naylor. Coach: J. Woodford.

KU-RING-GAI v WARRINGAH 2-0

Warringah put up quite a performance in the first half to contain leaders Ku-ring-gai but gave in after halftime.

Brian Taylor made a top save from John Sandtner in the first half to stop a certain goal.

However, after the interval, Neil Endacott scored with a header following a freekick and Williamson sealed the result towards the end of the game. Ku-ring-gai: Taylor, Williams, Robertson, Jagger, Hammond, Ross, Geekie, Sidey, Endacott, Smith, Williamson, Carpenter. Coach: H. Noon.

Warringah: Cimente, Duncan, Collings, Friend, Morris, Burgess, Ainslie, Walsh, Beverley, Crowe (Euers), Sandtner. Coach: M. Walker.

NTH. BANKSTOWN v BATHURST 2-0

Norths took their opportunities well by beating the strong Bathurst side.

Striker Ritchie Celarc found the net in the first minute and Craig Madden made it 2-0 just before halftime when he headed in a corner by Bill Parry.

After halftime, both sides fought for more goals and Wileman came close on a couple of occasions for Nth. Bankstown. Nth. Bankstown: I. Madden, Wright, Kymantas, Thompson, C. Madden, Boardman, Muir, Wileman, Celarc, Parry, Gallagher. Coach: I. Madden.

AMPOL CUP

Two Ampol Cup quarterfinals are played this Wednesday at the St. George Stadium.

In a replay of last weekend's league clash, Canterbury and Polonia do battle while Fairy Meadow push for a bit of glory when they meet Sutherland.

Polonia have done very well so far in the cup and their progress in the league is not surprising. Canterbury are up and down and can't seem to get their rhythm going.

A Polonia win — again — would not surprise, and we see the Plumpton

boys going through to the semifinals with a 2-1 win.

Sutherland should have no trouble beating Fairy Meadow.

Though the South Coasters have done extremely well until now, they were lucky to strike Bankstown and Monaro while they were still preparing for the season.

Sutherland are hitting their straps and although they drew to Riverwood last Sunday we feel they should have the class to end Fairy Meadow's cup run.

We tip Sutherland 2-0.

NORTH SYDNEY v MANLY 2-1(2-0)

North Sydney Inter put on a much improved display to win a close battle with a young Manly side in their Group "A" Ampol Cup match.

Norths fielded two new signings, Bob McGinn and Tom Steven, who added strength to their defence.

Norths went ahead after only four minutes when Alex Bottalico sent over a fine centre for Jay O'Rourke to head into the net.

Manly built a number of good moves but were unable to break through North's defence.

Jim Bottalico put Norths further ahead with a fierce 20-metre drive in the 41st minute.

Manly battled hard for a goal and were rewarded two minutes from the end when Dudley Fox moved up the left wing and

crossed for David Jack to score from close range.

NORTH SYDNEY: Lilli 3, McGinn 4, Matheson 3, Henratty 3, J. Bottalico 4, Steven 4, Morsello 2 (Mitchell 59m), Porter 3, A. Bottalico 4, Dale 3, O'Rourke 3 (Ternasana 62m).

MANLY: Carrol 3, Geohagan 4, Doyle 3, Kramer 3, Riley 4, P. Falconer 3, Jack 4, K. Falconer 3, Regan 3, Fox 2, Vale (Stewart 3, 40m).

Goals: 1-0 A. Bottalico (4m), 2-0 J. Bottalico (41m), 2-1 Jack (88m). **Referee:** G. Warner; **Crowd:** 150 (double-header); **Cautions:** K. Falconer.

— G. Streeter

CROATIA v RIVERWOOD 3-0(2-0)

Croatia advanced to the quarterfinals of the Ampol Cup with this easy 3-0 victory over Riverwood.

Croatia staggered Riverwood with a goal after only 50 seconds of play when Vic Juchniwicz drove the ball home from 18 metres after Steve Montgomery had put him into the clear.

Croatia controlled the match with their sharper tackling and build up from midfield and Brian Parker and Montgomery both missed good chances to increase their lead before the interval.

In the 36th minute Riverwood should have equalised after a shot from John Lee was fumbled by Croatia goalkeeper Steve Watson but Wally Savor blasted the ball over the bar from point blank range.

Croatia scored their second goal in the 40th minute when Parker hammered the ball into the net from 20-metres following

an excellent run by Bobby Pagano.

Riverwood's David Martin swept the ball into his own net for Croatia's third goal in the 63rd minute after which Croatia coasted to the final whistle.

CROATIA: Watson 3, A. Kovacic 4, Stery 2, M. Kovacic 3, Dobson 3, Parker 3, Juchniwicz 4, Montgomery 2 (Hensman 65m), Coleman 3, Pagano 3 (Rezzo 82m).

RIVERWOOD: Hansell 3, Butcher 2, Wignall 3, Blackburn 2 (Martin 46m), Goodbun 3, Lee 2, Fisher 3, Savor 3, Bulloch 2, Tracey 2, Landon 4.

Goals: 1-0 Juchniwicz (1m), 2-0 Parker (40m), 3-0 Martin (o.g. 63m). **Referee:** H. Witschge; **Crowd:** 1,100 (double-header).

— R. Dewick

ST. GEORGE v PARRAMATTA 4-0(1-0)

St. George continued their run of successes in the Ampol Cup with another clear-cut 4-0 win — their fourth in a row in which they've netted four times or more.

St. George hit top form in the second half scoring three goals, but all credit is due to the Parramatta team which never gave up.

It was not until the 44th minute that Saints took the lead with a penalty from Villi Kanacki after Paul Kay was fouled in the box.

Kanacki had a great game and in the 52nd minute he made all the running for Peter Beggs to score from close in.

Beggs added his second goal in the 78th minute thanks to good build-up from Dave McIntosh, to make the score 3-0.

Paul Kay scored the goal of the

match two minutes later with a near angled shot from the goal line.

ST. GEORGE: Smith 3, Russell 3, Terry 3, (Agastino 65m), Sken 4, S. McDonald 3, Hadley 3, Kay 5, Kanacki 5, McIntosh 4, Beggs 4, Campbell (Connachie 3, 26m).

PARRAMATTA: Donovan 3 (Thurlow 75m), Roughley 3, Fairclough 4, Hynes 3, Hutchinson 3 (McCrannor 80m), McKenzie 3, Bates 2, Cook 3, Strickland 4, Crawford 4, Brizuela 2.

Goals: 1-0 Kanacki (pen. 44m), 2-0 Beggs (52m), 3-0 Beggs (78m), 4-0 Kay (80m).

Referee: W. Phelps; **Crowd:** 310 (double-header); **Cautions:** McIntosh, Bates, Strickland.

— G. Streeter

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CANTERBURY v FAIRY MEADOW 4-0(3-0)

Canterbury convincingly defeated Fairy Meadow 4-0 with Lakis Georgiou scoring a sparkling hat-trick for the visitors.

First division side Fairy Meadow had no answer to the experience and strength of their State League opponents who ran to a comfortable 3-0 lead before halftime.

Georgiou scored his first goal in the 12th minute when he turned quickly onto a cross from Chris Tharnidis just inside the penalty area to fire the ball spectacularly into the far corner of the net.

In the 23rd minute Canterbury increased their lead as John Karaspyros headed home another crossball from Tharnidis which had been nodded on by Mark Barton.

Georgiou scored his second goal in the 37th minute as he moved quickly on to a loose ball

during a goalmouth scramble and pushed the ball into the corner of the net.

Georgiou completed his hat-trick in the 75th minute when he latched onto a through ball from Karaspyros and guided his shot past the oncoming goalkeeper.

CANTERBURY: McPherson 3, Karaspyros 4, Laws 2, Barton 3, Lane 3, Binos 2 (Anagnostopoulos 46m), Gill 2, Williams 23, Brown 3, Georgiou 5, Tharnidis 4.

FAIRY MEADOW: Potter 3, Pascale 2, Piac 2, Chilby 3, Southwell 3, Charnock 2, Devenny 3, Richardson 3, Baker 2, Lackey 3, Gardiner 2.

Goals: 1-0 Georgiou (12m), 2-0 Karaspyros (23m), 3-0 Georgiou (37m), 4-0 Georgiou (75m). **Referee:** B. Fowler; **Crowd:** 1,100 (double-header).

— R. Dewick

AMPOL CUP

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Group A						
Melita	1	2	—	5	4	4
Woll.U.	1	2	—	3	2	4
N.Syd.	1	1	1	2	2	3
Manly	—	1	2	3	5	1

Group B						
St. Geo.	3	—	—	11	3	6
Croatia	2	—	1	9	4	4
Parra.	1	—	2	3	9	2
R'wood	—	—	3	2	10	—

Group C						
C'bury	3	—	—	13	1	6
F.Mdw.	2	—	1	3	4	4
Bankst	1	—	2	3	8	2
Monaro	—	—	3	1	7	—

Group D						
S'land	2	1	—	8	4	5
Polonia	2	—	1	8	5	4
Auburn	—	2	1	3	6	2
Avala	—	1	2	5	9	1

MONARO'S SPONSOR

Queanbeyan Soccer club Monaro will be sponsored again in the NSW State League for the 1981 season by concrete suppliers, the Readymix Group (NSW) Limited, for the third successive season.

Announcing the sponsorship Barry McDonald, for Readymix said they were proud to continue their association with the Monaro Soccer club, which first started in 1979.

"I have been impressed with the club's performance over the past couple of seasons, both on the playing field and on the administrative side.

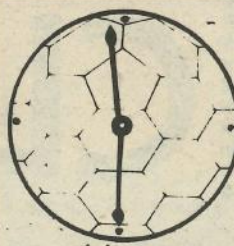
"In fact, I recommended to my Board that this year's sponsorship amount be increased. I am happy to say that the Board agreed," he said.

As well as the increased cash sponsorship, Readymix will assist in promotional activities as well as provide training and playing equipment for the club.

Secretary of Monaro, Tony Reale, said the club was very grateful to Readymix for its continued support.

"It is not easy to obtain sponsorship in these difficult times so we are certainly happy to be associated with a company of Readymix's standing," Tony said.

Tony also said he saw Readymix's sponsorship of Monaro as a vote of confidence in the playing, coaching and administrative personnel of the club.



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Eastern Creek (3rd div.) has been very busy planning for the future and among the achievements so far is the securing of a substantial sponsorship from Milano Engineering and the adoption of the new name Eastern Creek Gunners with the same famous Gunners emblem. The sponsorship is subject to review next season. The Gunners have appointed Dave Bertenshaw as the senior coach and Eddie Sawina the second grade coach. The club's performances in trial games so far have been good. The last two being 1-1 draw against Mt. Druiitt Town and 3-1 win against Hawkesbury.

Bondi Marine (3rd div.) met Artarmon in a friendly at Artarmon reserve, and Bondi won 2-1. In previous trial games Bondi performed well against the following clubs: Corrimal 3-3, Sydney Uni 2-3, Marrickville 2-1, and Pagewood 11-0. A new signing back with the club again is Mick McDonagh, brother of Jim McDonagh the famous Everton goalkeeper. Mick, a midfielder, has played for Canterbury Marrickville and was with Revesby Workers last year. Another player coming back to the fold is Stewart Campbell after having spent a year in the wilderness. Bondi has received a generous sponsorship from Terry Page the famous bookmaker and manager of Coogee Bay Hotel which the Mariners frequent for refreshments.

Maccabi (5th div.) played another trial against Lane Cove last weekend. While trial matches are unrecorded, a win boosts prestige and team morale, though the disadvantages can be seen in pre-season injuries: Maccabi travel to Woy Woy with seven players out for this coming weekend's matches! Against a very young Lane Cove side Maccabi scored midway through the first half when Derek Strang scored in his first match for the club. Ten minutes later Bernie Pollak scored from the penalty spot for Maccabi for a 2-0 lead at halftime. Midway through the second half Lester Solder scored a fine goal for a final score of 3-0. In the reserve grade match young Steven Lowy scored with a fine header for a 1-0 halftime score. In the second half, Victor Topper scored with a hard 30m shot early to see Lane Cove come back and capitalise on a mistake. Vic scored again to make it a 3-1 for Maccabi. Maccabi's third grade side will be competing in the 5th. and Eastern competition this year and played their first trial against Lough Park Rangers with a 2-0 win with goals by Harvey Rabin and John Abraham.

Liverpool Albion (2nd div.) in a tight match, staged a second half revival to draw 2-2 with Riverstone-Schofield. In the first half Riverstone never allowed Albion to settle and midway through the half grabbed the lead when a long through ball into the Albion penalty area was slotted home by Mick Milanovic. Although not playing well, Albion always looked as though they could level and early in the second half they pegged back the lead when Vlad Knaus scored his first goal of the season. Riverstone immediately hit back with a spectacular goal by Julius Desanti from 30 metres that caught the Albion keeper well off his line. With minutes remaining, Brian DeCels scored a superb goal to level the score. The second grade score went to Riverstone 2-1 with the third grade being a 1-1 draw.

Yagoona (3rd div.) have officially withdrawn from Federation. According to a Yagoona spokesman, scarcity of players was the main reason for the withdrawal. The club has been in Federation for 16 years and its highest position was to finish fourth in second division in 1980. Yagoona soccer will now concentrate on their junior sides, fielding 23 teams this year in the Bankstown Association.

Baulkham Hills (2nd div.) playing in the first semifinal of the 1981 Umbro Cup had deserved 2-0 win against Nth. Ryde at Stanwell Oval last Sunday. The game as a whole was uninspiring with defences on both sides being very solid. In the Baulko defence with John Gough, Scotty Gribben Kevin McElduff and Drew Kendal held well. Hills had slightly the better first half but they were not able to score. The second half resulted in determined and brighter football with Hill's side gradually gaining control and, Kevin McElduff was able to score giving "Baulko" a 1-0 lead. Gribben, was brought down in the box and from a penalty Sean McElduff gave the Hills side the second goal and the match.

The second semifinal match on the day was between Mt. Druiitt

Town and Campbelltown City. The match never reached great heights, though from the kick off, good open football was played. The second half saw some hard tackling, leaving at least one player at any given time, on the floor. The final score after 90 minutes was 0-0. Mt. Druiitt Town won the match on penalties. Eric Hedges for the Town, played a very good match.

The Umbro Cup finals will be held at Popenetta Park, Sunday the draw being: 1pm: Nth. Ryde vs Campbelltown City playing off for the third and fourth positions, 3pm: Mt. Druiitt Town vs Baulkham Hills for the title.

Queens Park (2nd div.) played trials against Concordia at Mahoney Oval for a first grade 1-1 draw. After an even and goalless first half, David Giles scored for the Park early in the second half. Ten minutes later Concordia failed to convert a disputed penalty. Concordia's equaliser came in the 75th minute with a fine volley from Dave Williams.

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Canterbury v Polonia

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6.45pm

8.30pm



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THIS WEEK

Croatia v Manly, Sun., King Tomislav 99
Riverwood v Avala, Sun., Knight Prk. 52F/9
Melita v Sutherland, Sat., Garside Park 47G/9
Bankstown v Nth. Syd., Sun., Soccer Ctre. 54J/12
Monaro v Auburn, Sat., Marco Polo Oval (Qbn.)
St. George v Polonia, Sun., St. George, 34H/14
Parramatta v Canterbury, Sun., Garside 47G/9

DIVISION ONE

Bathurst v Belmore, Sun., 2 B.O.D. (Bathurst)
Revesby v Nth. Bankst. Sun., Milperra Res. 55F/3
Fairy Mdw. v Wollongong, Sun., Police Boys Grd
Blacktown v Kuringal, Sun., Francis Prk. 117G/7
Yugal v Warringah, Sun., Concord, 30J/3
Guildford v Penrith, Sun., Guildford Prk. 52J/2
Uni NSW v Gladesvl., Sun., Prince Henry Hosp.

NEXT WEEK

Nth. Syd. v Croatia, Sun., King Tomislav 99
Manly v Riverwood, Sun., Cromer Prk. 79G/10
Avala v Melita, Sun., Knight Park 52F/9
S'land v P'matta, Sun., Seymour Shaw 93G/14
Auburn v Bankstown, Sun., Mona Park 47J/15
Polonia v Monaro, Sun., Chopin Prk. 115H/4
Canterbury v St. Geo., Sun., Arlington Oval 27K/13

DIVISION ONE

Kuringal v Bathurst, Sun., Parklands Oval 110F/7
Belmore v Revesby, Sat., Blick Oval 27F/14
Nth. Bankst. v Fry. Mdw., Sun., Potts Prk. 50H/15
Uni NSW v W'gong, Sun., David Phillips 24J/4
Yugal v Bl'town, Sun., Concord 30J/3
Penrith v Warringah, Sat., Cook Park 114D/12
Gladesville v Guildford, Sun., Peel Prk. 40K/4



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ANZAC DAY BATTLE

Who are the likely Socceroos for the first World Cup match of the year, against New Zealand on April 25? What's their form like? Today we begin a three-part series leading



GREG WOODHOUSE (Leichhardt) has been slightly overshadowed in recent months by Alan Maher but is a firm member of the squad. Woodhouse has been playing well in recent weeks without doing anything spectacular; he is, without a doubt, one of the best goalies in Australia.



ALAN DAVIDSON (Sth. Melbourne) had a brilliant November tour with the team and from a "talented prospect" has advanced to a certain team member. If Jim Tansey is ruled out because of an injury, Davidson could well take over at left fullback, otherwise he may be used in midfield.

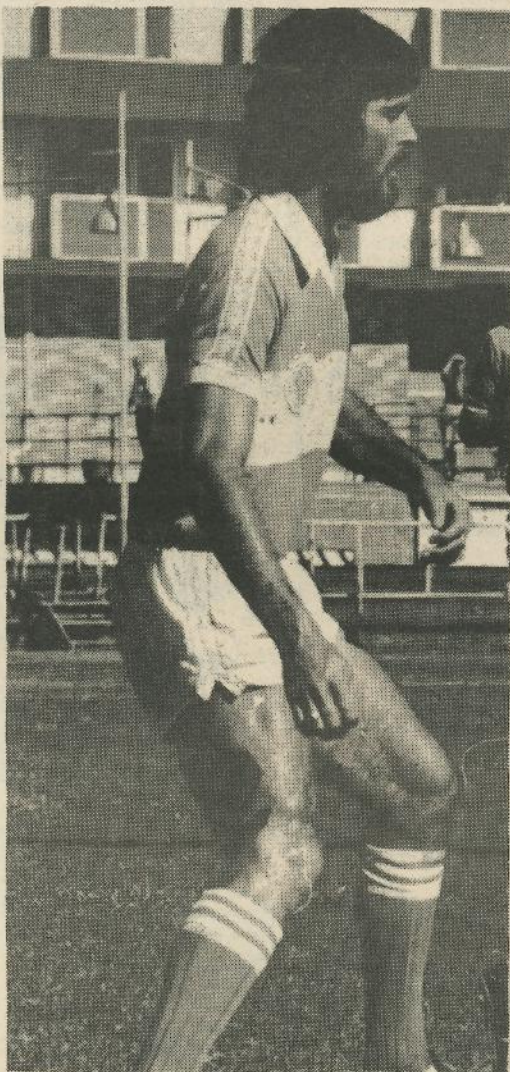


STEVE PERRY (Brisbane City) is perhaps the most tenacious and dogged defender in the country. What he lacks in pure skill he makes up for in determination and drive. Gutendorf is known to be a great Perry-fan and his place in the team seems secure.

up to the Anzac Day battle and examine the players from whom the defence will be selected by Rudi Gutendorf.



ALAN MAHER (Marconi/Datsun), written off by Gutendorf about a year ago, has bounced back into calculations — and is regarded as the No. 1 goalie. His form in recent weeks has been excellent and, barring injuries, he is the likely choice for Auckland.



MURRAY BARNES (Sydney City), captain of the Socceroos, is a dependable 90-minute player. Although he often plays in midfield for his club, in the Socceroo team his likely place is at stopper. A university educated young scientist, Barnes is the first regular Australian-born captain of the national team since John Warren.

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TONY HENDERSON (Marconi/Datsun) should be naturalised this week or the next, making him eligible to play for Australia. At his peak, he is possibly the most dynamic and versatile player in the country. His best position is at sweeper and his recent poor form could be due to the fact that he's been playing out of position.



STEVE BLAIR (Sth. Melbourne) is a squad member and one who is certain to get his chance, if not in Auckland then later. He is almost unbeatable in the air and his forays upfield often spell danger.



IVO PRSKALO (Marconi/Datsun), a cautious sweeper, has been playing poorly in recent weeks. However, Gutendorf has a very high opinion of him so he's still there with a chance. Prskalo is likely to be naturalised within the next two weeks.

ARNO BERTOIGNA (Newcastle KB) is one of the several exciting young players forcing their way to the top. He went with the team to Europe last November but received limited opportunities to show his skills. Together with Blair, he is likely to come into Socceroo calculations at centre-back.



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For years, there has been a bitter argument pro and contra imported players, with passions rising on both sides.

I have never advocated a full ban on imported players, especially genuine migrants.

We all know that, for a number of reasons, Australian soccer still does not produce enough quality players. But that's another story.

Also, if powerful soccer nations such as Spain, Belgium, Germany, Italy and even England feel that they need a sprinkling of foreign talent to pep up their league, surely our need is tenfold.

Still, all but a few will agree that the flow has to be kept under some control and, for this very reason, the ASF and some States have established various quota systems, limiting the number of "temporary visa players" per club.

This in my view, is not quite adequate. What the PSL, via the ASF, should introduce is a levy.

If the Australian car, shoe, wool or cotton industries can be partially protected by tariff barriers, why not the soccer industry?

Let the clubs bring in overseas players by all means — but make them pay a lump sum, say \$2,000, in levy.

This would result in two things: clubs would be more careful in whom they sign from overseas — and the money collected in levy could be used for producing more and better local coaches.

Of course, some smart PSL clubs would try to circumvent paying this levy by arranging the importation of players through non-levied State League clubs.

But that hole can be easily plugged by decreeing that any imported player transferring from State clubs to PSL clubs within two or three years of his arrival would also fall into the levy category.

It's good to welcome the new one-hour soccer show on Channel O-28, shown at 6.30pm on Fridays, hosted by David Fordham. I'm sure the program will improve and many of the little bugs will be ironed out.

One such bug was an amazing statement by Tommy Docherty. Talking about previous World Cup finals Docherty — who had played for Scotland in 1954 — told us that "in 1954 teams didn't have to qualify for the finals, just write an application and they were in."

Of course, that's nonsense: the only time there were no qualification games was in 1930 when hardly anybody wanted to travel to Uruguay.

What is true, however, is that, as in 1950 and 1954, the winner and the runner-up of the British International championship, England and Scotland, qualified for the finals. So that was their World Cup elimination group — even if nobody had told Tommy Docherty about it.

Just for the record: Scotland in the 1954 Finals lost 1-0 to Austria, in Zurich, then also lost 7-0 to Uruguay, in Basel. Docherty played in both matches — as did former Hakoah fullback Jock Aird who still lives in Sydney.

Two more little bugs on the Channel O program:

1. More care ought to be exercised with the graphics flashed on the screen. Club names misspelt were Athletic Madrid (it's Atletico), Tiblisi (it's Tbilisi) and Ostarva (Ostrava).
2. During the Victorian Ampol Cup match we heard two new expressions not found in average English nomenclatures: "...he kicked it in" (which means he scored a goal) and "it's a goal out" (a corner kick.)

A little care would eliminate these warts.

If you ever wondered what Australian soccer was all about, a short item in last week's Sydney Morning Herald provided the answer.

In that story, Canberra coach George Murray declared that the \$20,000 received for Giampaolo's transfer and some of the \$40,000 sponsorship money from Lotto would be used to buy new players.

In fact, he said, he had already booked two "top class" Scottish strikers.

Then, the ultimate insult: Said Murray: "Even if Giampaolo had still been in Canberra he wouldn't have been in my team to play Newcastle this weekend."

So this is it, then. All the sickening malaise of Australian soccer in a tiny capsule.

A coach who arrived a mere two months ago from Scotland referring to Canberra as "my team," clearly condoned by a club committee, tells us that he would rather have two Scottish imports than a Canberra-born player of enormous talent.

Their ONLY Canberra-born player, in fact. He is allowed (who can stop these things?) to rub salt into the wound and, to justify his decision, belittle Giampaolo.

This can only happen in Australia.

Can you, for a moment, try to imagine that a Dutch coach takes over the reins at Southampton, sells Kevin Keegan and announces to the fans that he'd rather have two players from Holland?

He would be torn apart, limb from limb. Here, George Murray probably won't even be asked by his club to "please explain."

Lotto, which has just kicked \$40,000 into Canberra's kitty, must have their head examined if they allow their sponsorship money to be wasted in this fashion.

And those of us who support Lotto with our weekly offerings should also have another think about the matter.

It's a disgusting episode even for the sad annals of Australian soccer.

Predictably, Manny Poulakakis got the sack. Everybody has been half-expecting it for some weeks.

So there is the first casualty of the season. The second will follow, soon. Who? It's open betting at the moment.

But it's hard to feel too much sympathy for those club committees which make the wrong appointment and then, under pressure from their fans, have to axe the coach.

Very few clubs make a rational decision when they engage a coach: it's often the glibbest and the slickest who sells himself to the committee.

Let's face it: it's child's play to impress most committee members.

The applicant is enthusiastic (because he prefers fulltime coaching to an outside job), talks in bombastic terms about "total" football and "commitment" and "drive" and some such and even drops a tear or two as part of his spiel.

"He's a nice chap," the committee nods "and he likes our club, too. He says we're the best club in Australia."

That does it: the decision is made on infantile grounds.

Nobody asks technical questions, nobody demands a full season's program in writing, nobody wants to know how the coach wants to improve the existing team; they just swallow the hook and sign a contract.

Would a club president engage an industrial designer, plant manager, or even an ordinary steno-sec on such a flimsy basis for his own company?

Not on your life. He'd be more careful there because it's his business and his livelihood. It's for real.

Soccer isn't for real; it's a hobby. So let's make mistakes ("we are only human," comes the cliché) — for which the club pays.

Some coaches will feel I'm being too harsh on their profession.

But I trust that the vast majority of soccer fans will agree with me.

Contrary to one of my critics, I'm not "anti-coach." I do admire the good ones, those who have produced or created something new, lasting or entertaining.

Let me rattle off a few examples. In the late 1950s and early 1960s it was Joe Vlasits with Canterbury, Prague and Budapest (winning a title with all of them), then Joe Venglos with a fundamentally ordinary Prague, later Frank Arok with St. George, Tony Schwarz with Croatia, Edmund Kreft with Adelaide City and last year Len McKendry with Heidelberg.

They all transformed average players into very good ones and built teams with a distinctive and successful style.

But far too many others simply plod on with limited vision, curbed imagination and a knowledge based on facile slogans.

It's really a marvellous profession, something akin to sculpting; Rodin was a great "coach" with marble, chiselling masterpieces out of hunks.

Another, less artistic person, would have sold the marble blocks by the kilogram on the Paris Flea Market.

Examples abound overseas. Take Brian Clough who, out of average second division players and a lot of cast-offs, created today's brilliant Nottingham.

Or think of Luis Cesar Menotti, the first man able to harness the natural talent and aggression of the Argentinians, add team discipline and self-control as well as motivation — and won the World Cup.

These are the creative coaches, on a higher intellectual plane.

Crafts like that cannot be learned at courses, even if they are well conducted though the basic theoretical know-how can be acquired there.

Still on coaches...Rudi Gutendorf is in Saudi Arabia, looking at a World Cup group there, studying our possible opponent in the final play-off in the Asian-Oceanic group.

("Spying", not studying, is the emotive word afternoons papers use; after all, everybody is fascinated by spies but who wants to study anything?)

It's a good idea to have a look at the group and chart the strengths and weaknesses of Saudi Arabia, perhaps Iraq.

We should have another "spy" in Kuwait, too, where another subgroup tournament is about to be staged with the likely winner coming from the Kuwait-South Korea pair.

But why Gutendorf? Why did he have to go there personally instead of sending a trusted deputy, like Scheinflug, Baumgartner, Vlasits or somebody else?

Gutendorf hasn't got an hour to waste before the April 25 World Cup match in Auckland — he's already wasted too much time.

By now a composed, settled squad should be preparing, under Gutendorf, for the Auckland match.

Instead, Gutendorf is in Saudi Arabia, "spying" on a team we may not even play if we slip up against the Kiwis.

Which makes you wonder why we don't have somebody looking at New Zealand, instead? Isn't that our first match? Or do we take it for granted that we'll sweep New Zealand out of the way?

Some of our World Cup planning will make astonishing reading for posterity.

— Andrew Dettre

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

GROUP 1
G/Hornsby v Baulkham Hills, Sat., Ted Horwood
Bankstown v Sth. East, Sat., Jellicoe
St. George v Melita, Sun., Everley
B/town City v Syd. Olymp., Sat., Pratten
Illawarra v Polonia, Sat., Balgownie
Croatia v Leichhardt, Sat., Lambert

GROUP 2
Nepean v B/town Assoc., Sat., Cook
Riverwood v Sth. Dist., Sat., Ernie Smith
Ku-ring-gai v Manly, Sat., Cromer
Cent. Cst. v Canterbury, Sat., Arlington
Marconi v Sutherland, Sun., Bates Drive
Avala v Bye

	14s	15s	16s
Group 1			
Glad. Hornsby v Croatia	2-2	2-1	0-1
Bankstown v Baulkham Hills	2-3	0-2	5-0
St. George v Sth. & East	4-1	5-0	3-0
Blacktown City v Melita	1-0	4-1	7-2
Illawarra v Syd. Olympic	2-2	1-0	0-2
Polonia v Leichhardt	1-1	1-4	0-5

Group 2
Nepean v Avala
Riverwood v Blacktown Assoc.
Ku-ring-gai v Sth. Districts
Cent. Coast v Manly
Marconi v Canterbury
Sutherland - Bye

	14s	15s	16s
Nepean v Avala	4-1	3-3	0-3
Riverwood v Blacktown Assoc.	1-1	1-1	1-1
Ku-ring-gai v Sth. Districts	2-0	3-2	2-0
Cent. Coast v Manly	2-0	2-3	2-1
Marconi v Canterbury	3-1	1-1	0-3

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At present, we have 138 players on our books. These include:

John Bond	20	Swindon Town
Harold Bingham	22	Morton
Paul Jackson	23	London City (Canada)
Tony Jones	23	Swindon Town
Stephen Harding	24	Bristol Rovers
Stephen Hester	23	Swindon Town
Ashley Griffiths	20	Bristol Rovers
Linsey Kudd	27	Arbroath
Stephen Kelly	21	Exeter City
Lawrence Langdon	24	Bromley (Southern League)
James McDonagh	23	Airdrie
Les McLaughlin	20	Morton
Peter McGuinness	19	Everton
Thomas Nolan	21	Johnstone Borough
Martin Shaw	20	Bristol Rovers
Michael Webber	23	Chicago Sting
Bobby Stokes	28	Washington Diplomats

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Wolves amazed over success



Laurie Kelly

Wollongong chairman Laurie Kelly has admitted that his team's fine run in the PSL was well above his expectations.

"We would have been satisfied to win some games and finish up somewhere near the middle.

"We are now in the strange position that we are the team to beat.

"Everybody is talking about Wollongong — the whole of the State, probably the whole of soccer in Australia."

Kelly said he was delighted with the fact that the Wolves so rapidly developed a team spirit.

"I've always said that a champion team would beat a team of champions. This is being borne out now."

Kelly said Wollongong Wolves' enthusiastic band of supporters was growing steadily.

"We will take about five coach-loads of supporters to Newcastle next weekend," he said.

"We'll have a motorcade in Newcastle and a civic reception and when, later in the year, they come to play here, we'll also put on some big show for the clash of the two 'Steel Cities'."

He said the halcyon days of soccer were coming back to the South Coast, to revive memories of the great 'Jim Kelly-era'.

"I believe this team will emulate their achievements or may even exceed them," he added.

NSW TABLES

NSW COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
GRADE 1						
St. George	4	—	—	19	2	8
Croatia	4	—	—	8	2	8
Melita	3	—	1	16	4	6
Polonia	3	—	1	6	2	6
Sutherland	2	1	1	4	2	5
Monaro	2	—	2	5	6	4
Avala	2	—	2	6	8	4
Manly	2	—	2	5	8	4
Auburn	2	—	2	2	8	4
Canterbury	1	—	3	5	5	2
Nth. Syd.	1	—	3	4	7	2
P'matta	1	—	3	3	14	2
R'wood	—	1	3	3	10	1
Bankstown	—	—	4	2	9	—

	W	D	L	F	A	P
GRADE 2						
St. George	4	—	—	17	—	8
Melita	3	—	1	12	5	6
Canterbury	3	—	1	6	2	6
Croatia	3	—	1	10	7	6
R'wood	2	1	1	5	4	5
S'tland	1	2	1	8	6	4
Bankst.	1	2	1	6	5	4
Nth. Syd.	2	—	2	5	9	4
Manly	1	1	2	5	3	3
Polonia	1	1	2	3	4	3
P'matta	1	1	2	3	7	3
Avala	1	—	3	3	10	2
Auburn	—	2	2	—	8	2
Monaro	—	—	4	3	16	—

	W	D	L	F	A	P
GRADE 3						
Auburn	4	—	—	13	—	8
Melita	3	1	—	14	7	7
Manly	3	—	—	6	—	6
Polonia	2	1	1	6	4	5
St. George	2	—	2	8	3	4
Croatia	1	2	1	8	9	4
S'tland	2	—	1	6	7	4
Bankst.	1	1	2	10	9	3
R'wood	1	1	2	9	8	3
Canterbury	1	1	2	6	10	3
Avala	—	1	2	2	10	1
Nth. Syd.	—	3	—	8	—	—
P'matta	—	—	4	2	16	—

	W	D	L	F	A	P
DIVISION ONE						
GRADE 1						
Kuringal	3	1	—	5	1	7
Fry. Mdw.	3	—	1	13	6	6
W'gong	3	—	1	8	4	6
Guildford	2	2	—	5	2	6
Bl'town	2	1	1	6	3	5
Gladesvl.	1	2	1	3	2	4
N. Bankst.	2	—	2	6	6	4
Yugal	2	—	2	5	6	4
Bathurst	2	—	2	8	10	4
Penrith	1	1	2	4	4	3
Belmore	—	3	1	2	6	3
Warrington	1	—	3	5	7	2
Uni NSW	—	1	3	3	7	1
Revesby	—	1	3	4	12	1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
GRADE 2						
Fry. Mdw.	4	—	—	16	2	8
Kuringal	3	1	—	7	1	7
Bl'town	3	—	1	9	3	6
W'gong	3	—	1	7	5	6
Gladesvl.	2	2	—	5	3	6
Yugal	2	1	1	6	2	5
Revesby	2	—	2	5	5	4
N. Bankst.	1	2	1	5	8	4
Belmore	1	1	2	2	4	3
Guildford	1	1	2	3	7	3
Warrington	—	2	2	3	5	2
Penrith	1	—	3	3	6	2
Uni NSW	—	—	4	1	14	—
Bathurst	—	—	4	2	17	—

	W	D	L	F	A	P
GRADE 3						
Fry. Mdw.	4	—	—	13	3	8
Kuringal	4	—	—	12	3	8
W'gong	3	—	1	10	6	6
Guildford	3	—	1	8	5	6
Belmore	2	1	1	12	7	5
N. Bankst.	2	1	1	4	3	5
Revesby	2	—	2	12	8	4
Gladesvl.	1	2	1	6	7	4
Penrith	1	2	1	5	7	4
Yugal	1	—	3	10	8	2
Bathurst	1	—	3	5	7	2
Uni NSW	—	1	3	3	15	1
Warrington	—	1	3	2	15	1
Bl'town	—	—	4	2	10	—

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

NSW COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE						
NS. Inter v Monaro	1-2	4-1	—			
Avala v Croatia	0-1	0-2	1-1			
S'tland v Riverw'd	0-0	1-1	2-3			
P'matta v Melita	0-8	0-4	0-3			
Manly v Bankst'n	2-0	3-3	2-0			
Auburn v St. Geo.	0-5	0-7	1-0			
Polonia v C'hurny	1-0	2-1	2-3			